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WAR SPREADS TO SHANGHAI

Communist Attacks North Of Yangtse

REPARATIONS FOR CHINA

Shanghai, Mar. 20. Two Chinese vessels sailed for Japan today to ship Japanese reparations items to China.

The s.s. "Leeming" is heading for Nagoya and the "Yungshien" is heading for Sendai.—United Press.

K.C.R. EXPRESS ATTACKED

An attack on a Canton-bound express from Kowloon was made on Friday morning, according to the Sing Tao Wan Pao yesterday.

The newspaper reported that more than 50 "bandits" fired shots at the train in the vicinity of Chasun, east of Sheklung, big East River town.

The "bandits" fired from the hillside.

Chinese gendarmes and railway guards returned fire until the train had passed out of the danger zone.

There were no casualties.

An attempt to hold up the express was made to hold up the express.

Troops from Sheklung found no trace of the "bandits" when they arrived on the scene later.

H.K. Bar Association

A Hong Kong Bar Association has been formed in the Colony.

It was inaugurated last week. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., was elected President. Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., Chairman, and Mr. Percy Chen, Secretary-Treasurer.

This is the first time that such an Association has been set up in the Colony.

Membership is open to all members of the English Bar and any barrister-at-law admitted to practice in Hong Kong.

The Association's address is 228, Prince's Building.

Steward's Story Of Cabin Drama

Winchester, Mar. 19.

James Camb, 30 years-old deck steward on the liner "Durban Castle" told of the evening in Cabin 126 previous to the death of Eileen Isabella Ronni "Gay" Gibson, 21-years old actress he is accused of murdering on the high seas.

Camb, who walked smartly from the dock to the witness box and spoke with a strong, well-controlled voice, said that when he went to Gibson's cabin in the early hours of October 18, the day of her disappearance, she answered his knock and he went into the cabin.

Gibson was wearing a quilted dressing gown and he was in his trousers and an open work shirt.

They talked of the dance that night and eventually he climbed on the bed beside her and intercourse took place.

"Suddenly," declared Camb, "she heaved as if she was gasping for breath. Her body stiffened and then relaxed completely. Her mouth was a little open and there was a faint line of bubbles on the edge of her lips. I felt for her heart beats but could not find any."

"For 25 minutes he tried to revive Gibson," Camb said. "Then there was a knock at the cabin door and he 'panicked' as he thought he would be reported at once, and pushed her through the porthole of the cabin."

"Fine Type"

Camb said it sounded very foolish, but he hoped to give the impression that "Gay" had fallen overboard. He hoped to be able to deny that he had been in her cabin.

Earlier today, Gay Gibson's mother, Mrs. Ellen Victoria Gibson, testified that her daughter was "one of the finest types of English" woman—physically, mentally, and morally.

"My daughter was thoroughly respectable, all her life," Mrs. Gibson said. "The only fault I could find was that she was a little bit of a flirt."

Situation Said Well In Hand

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Exodus On

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ROYAL WELCH RETURN

Liverpool, Mar. 20.

The remnants of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Welch Fusiliers—five officers and 46 men—returned to Liverpool tonight on the troopship Cheshire after nine years overseas service in the Far East.

At the head was the commanding officer of the battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Evans. When the battalion disembarks tomorrow, it will be headed by Billy, a pedigree goat mascot, which joined it in Singapore nine months ago.—Reuter.

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Nanking More

Meanwhile the Central China Pacification Conference in Nanking ended its session last night with a series of highly important military and political decisions including the abolition of the present President's headquarters at Hankow and its replacement by the Central China Pacification Headquarters with jurisdiction over the eight provinces of Kiangsu, Shantung, Honan, Anhwei, Hunan, Hupeh, Chekiang and Kiangsi.

It was laid down that among the first tasks of the new headquarters would be the institution of an airtight blockade against the Communist-controlled areas within its jurisdiction and the implementation of the new land redistribution scheme under which both landowners and farmers would get a new deal.

The conference agreed that the Central China headquarters would be directly under the control of the Supreme Commander on military questions and under the Executive Yuan in administrative affairs.—Reuter.

TRIESTE SURPRISE

Washington, Mar. 20.

The United States, Britain and France today proposed the return of Trieste to Italy through a major revision of the Italian peace treaty.

The proposal was made on behalf of the American Government to the Russian and Italian embassies here this morning.

Trieste is an important port city and shipbuilding centre on the Adriatic Sea between Italy and Yugoslavia.—Associated Press.

GENERAL TO SEE BAO DAI

Paris, Mar. 20.

General Nguyen van Xuyen, President of the South Vietnam Government, left Saigon today by air for Hong Kong for talks with Bao Dai, ex-emperor of Annam, on the future of Indo-China, the France-Press agency reported from Saigon.

The visit was initiated by the ex-emperor, who had previously held conversations with representatives of various Vietnamese leaders.

General van Xuyen was accompanied by Mr. Frank van Thuy and Mr. Jean de Dieu, President of the Generalissimo's Council of Ministers.

EAST RIVER BANDITRY

Canton, Mar. 20.

Canton today is out of telegraphic connection with Hainan (Hainan), an important town on the upper reaches of the East River and base of American and British armed services during the war.

It is feared that the town is invested by bandits. It was reported that Taipei and Meishan, north of Swatow, are in similar plight.—Associated Press.

Complete Freedom Demanded

Jerusalem, Mar. 20.

The Arab Higher Committee spokesman, Ahmad Hilmi Pasha, said today that the Arabs will accept nothing short of complete Arab independence for Palestine.

Pasha said that if the United Nations decided on trusteeship for the Holy Land, it should be an Arab trusteeship "otherwise we shall continue the struggle."

The United States abandonment of partition, he said, is a "historic turning point toward justice and right but no more than a preliminary step in that direction. The real solution is still far off."

Earlier, when the American decision was made known, crowds of several thousand Arab students and youths marched from Damascus Gate to the nearby United States School and Rockefeller Museum shouting "Long live the United States. They have come around at last. Bravo Truman, bravo Marshall, bravo Austin."

The staff of the United States Consulate avoided the Jewish quarters, travelling in and out of town through the Arab section.

Several hundred United States flags were hoisted by Arab merchants on their buildings.—United Press.

U SAW TO DIE

Rangoon, Mar. 20.

Premier U Saw, and eight others are scheduled to die on April 9 for the assassination of Gen. U Aung San, officials said today.—Associated Press.

Essential Services Again Defined

A re-definition of Essential Services under the Defence Regulations is contained in an Order gazetted yesterday.

The Order gives no indication of the reason for its promulgation at this time. It reads:

1. This Order may be cited as the Declaration of Essential Services Order, 1948.

2. The following are declared to be Essential Services within the meaning of and for the purposes of the Defence Regulations, 1940: for all the purposes for which the said Regulations continue in force—

(i) All Government undertakings, which expression shall include the services rendered by Government or if rendered under the authority expressed or implied of the Governor; the services rendered by any department of Government or any officer thereof;

(ii) All undertakings whether public or private for the supply of water, electricity, gas, or any other essential service; (iii) Any undertaking organized or established in any manner whatsoever for the provision of education;



The bridal group after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Chaudhry-Kew at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. The bride is the former Miss Marjorie Main. ("Sunday Herald" photo).

HOTEL STRIKE NEARLY OVER?

"We hope a settlement may be reached on Monday," said an official of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. yesterday afternoon in reply to a question on the development in the strike situation affecting the four big hotels under their management.

He made the statement immediately after a conference between representatives of the strikers and the management in which the management proposed to come back on Monday with a definite reply.

It is understood, however, that both sides had made concessions.

The strike, affecting some 1,200 boys and waiters of the Hong Kong Peninsula, Regency Bay Hotels and the Lido, entered its second day yesterday without incident.

Strike pickets with white arm-bands stood outside the entrances of the four establishments concerned while a short distance away from them were posted Chinese Police officers to see that there was no disturbance of the peace.

The Hong Kong Hotel lounge, one of the busiest spots in the centre of the town, presented a bleak appearance yesterday with all its doors closed and without any lighting inside. The only entrance open was the main entrance to the lobby and the reception booth.

Voluntary workers helped at the kitchen and in serving food. Residents took the whole thing in good spirit and cooperated by doing their own serving, and in making up their own bedding.

Searchers for the m.v. "Kafirstan" shortly after its arrival from Sydney yesterday morning. Revenue Officers found a total of 43,011 tins of gold in nuggets of various sizes, and bars.

This is the first time that gold in the shape of nuggets has been seized by the local authorities. The value of the gold 18, 22 and 24 carats, was estimated at almost \$14,000.

On the s.s. "Tsinan", which arrived from Swatow, Revenue Officers found more than 200 tins of raw opium in the crew's quarters.

The opium was contained in specially made tins, cunningly concealed in larger tins of kerosene and honey. Three men have been arrested.

This is the second time in five days that attempts to smuggle raw opium into the Colony have been made in the s.s. "Tsinan". Last Tuesday, Revenue officers seized almost 300 tins on the vessel.

Conference On Austria

London, Mar. 19.

Today's conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies in Austria heard Mr. Robert Schuman, the United States delegate, propose they should drop the present discussion of German reparations and take up some of the other unagreed articles of the Austrian State Treaty.

Mr. Schuman suggested that they should allow the governments on the basis of the Austrian State Treaty to settle the reparations question.

Among the unagreed issues in the Austrian State Treaty are the "Four Big" questions of German reparations, the Austrian National Council, the Austrian National Council, the Austrian National Council, the Austrian National Council.

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China's Dispute With Russia

Shanghai, Mar. 20. Neutrals here today saw in the Chinese protest note to Russia over the Soviet fighter plane attack on a Chinese transport plane recently the beginning of a new diplomatic offensive against Russia with regard to Dairen and Port Arthur.

Official Chinese sources available had no comment but it was pointed out that the note was the strongest yet lodged by China with Russia.

H.K. CHINESE COMPLAIN

Tokyo, Mar. 20.

Chinese traders from Hong Kong today complain that the Hong Kong Government discriminates against Chinese traders.

They assert that while the Hong Kong Government has issued import licences for Japanese goods, it refuses to issue licences for British goods, these permits are being withheld from Chinese traders who want to import the same products to Hong Kong.

Indignant at this, they claim, that the Hong Kong Government tends to let British interests monopolize goods in the Hong Kong area.—Central News.

Bank Employees Charged

Three members of two local banks, the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. and the Mercantile Bank, appeared at Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida yesterday charged with conspiring to defraud \$50,000 from the Mercantile Bank by means of a forged cheque.

Carlos Jacinto Pinto, 20-year-old clerk of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank; Cheung Yui-shat, 25-year-old cashier of 151, Sai Yee Street, first floor; and Louis Francisco d'Azevedo, 20-year-old clerk of the Mercantile Bank, were charged with conspiring with two others not in custody to defraud the Mercantile Bank by means of a forged cheque valued at \$50,000.

DSJ J. F. Waldron, prosecuting, asked for a three-day remand in police custody pending further investigation.

Trouble Reported At Manus Base

Sydney, Mar. 20. Reports from Manus Island say that 300 Chinese civilians sent to Manus to dismantle U.S. war stores purchased by the Chinese Government are backing up their demands for extraterritorial rights with a show of armed strength.

Equipped with Tommy guns and other weapons plus adequate ammunition they have established perimeter stands with machine-gun posts, and are defying the Australian civil administration's order to arrest some of them for civil offences.

There are only 15 Australians on Manus including District Officer Bloxham and a staff of five.

To be estimated Royal Australian Air Force personnel on Manus are 100. They are all unarmed.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent reported from Port Moresby that the Australian Acting Administrator of New Guinea, Justice Phillips, has ordered 50 armed native policemen under Australian officers to fly to Manus today to reinforce the civil administration.

This report adds that the leaders of the Chinese have tried their best to persuade the Australian authorities to allow them to remain on Manus.

The Chinese have been ordered to leave Manus by the Australian authorities.

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The Weather

A weak anticyclone remains over C and N China. Pressure is also high to the N of Hainan where a ridge extends to the Looe. A weak front extends from a shallow depression in the South Sea. A depression to the N of Korea is moving NNE.

Today's Forecast: Breeze E to SE, wind, cloudy with morning sun and low cloud but some clearing during the day.

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Maximum: 78.1 deg. F. Minimum: 65.2 deg. F. Humidity: 75. Rainfall: 0.1 in. Wind: 1.1 mph. Cloud: 1.1 in.

BANK OF EAST ASIA'S ANNUAL MEETING

A net profit of \$1,302,375.16 for the year 1947 was reported at the 29th annual general meeting of the Bank of East Asia Ltd. held in the Bank's board room yesterday afternoon.

Presiding over the meeting, Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said in part—

"During the year under review a sum of \$2,700,000 from the Reserve Fund was capitalized, and issued in the form of bonus shares to the shareholders, in accordance with the Special Resolutions adopted at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders which took place on March 23, 1947. Simultaneously 16,021 additional shares out of our unissued capital were offered to and taken up by shareholders at par. These have resulted in increasing the paid-up capital of the Bank to \$10,000,000, composed of 100,000 shares of \$100 each fully paid up."

"The Reserve Fund will be increased to \$1,000,000 by the transfer of \$499,300 thereto, a policy which I have no doubt will meet with the approval of shareholders, aiming to build up this fund as an opportunity occurs."

"I am sure shareholders will welcome the recommendation of the Directors to pay a dividend of \$6 and a bonus of \$2 per share. These payments, as you probably know, are subject to a deduction of 10 per cent for Profit Tax, so that the net yield to shareholders will be \$7.20 per share, which, under present conditions, is a satisfactory return on your investment."

Loan Account

"Our Cash position remains liquid. During the year we have invested a sum of 8 million mostly in British and Colonial Government Securities with the resultant decrease of about the same amount in our Cash in Hand and in Banks. These investments appear at cost in our books and I should like to emphasize that they are all on sound basis and are readily marketable. You will notice therefore that our actual cash position is about 54.3/4 million dollars, against our liabilities to depositors of a little more than 50 1/2 millions."

"I mentioned last year that to assist in the speedy rehabilitation of the Colony, and the early restoration of its trade, we had embarked upon the policy of expanding our loan business by making advances on both commercial and industrial undertakings. The increase in our Loan Account as shown in the Balance Sheet before you is in keeping with our policy and bears witness to the steady growth of commercial activities in Hong Kong."

"The Bank Building Account of \$2,100,000 remains the same

as in previous years. It includes the Bank's own premises in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Canton and Saigon. We have treated the cost of repairs and additions to these premises as current charges, and are therefore of the opinion that there is no need to provide for depreciation. After the termination of hostilities our premises in Saigon were found to be in very poor condition. After giving the matter careful consideration your Directors have decided to demolish the old premises and erect new and more modern premises on the site. Plans have already been prepared by our architects in Saigon, and it is hoped that rebuilding will start during 1948. When it is completed we should be in a position to handle future expansion of our business in Saigon as soon as conditions there return to normal."

New Fields

"I am pleased to say that despite keen competition in the field of overseas remittances we have not only been able to hold our own, but have actually made considerable progress in opening up new areas. For this achievement we are grateful to our banking correspondents for their close co-operation in this field."

"To cope with our increasing business, and to improve our service steps have been taken to introduce modern mechanical devices for book-keeping and accounting. They should enable us to render quicker and more efficient service to our customers."

The Chairman then moved that the Report and Accounts be adopted and upon Mr. Fung Fook-tin seconding, the motion was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. Chau Hau-leung, seconded by Mr. Y. K. Kan, Messrs. Li Lan-sang and Fung Ping-fan, due for retirement, were re-elected to the Board.

Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. were re-appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

Sir Shouson Chow was supported in the chair by Messrs. P. K. Kwok, Wong Yun-tong, Li Lan-sang, Huiyah Tai and Fung Ping-fan (Directors), Mr. Kan Tong-po (Chief Manager) and Mr. Li Tze-fong (Manager). Shareholders present included Messrs. Fung Fook-tin, Y. K. Kan, B. Wong Tape, Kwong Tze-ming, Li Fook-wo, Tsang Yau-mui, Chow Hau-leung, Lun Wan-pak, Cheng Ka-shueing, Ng Ka-kuen, K. K. Lee, Fung Pli-sang, Cheng Wai-hung, Lo Long-tin, Li Kwong-lok, Y. H. Kan and Li Tung."

CDR. OLIVEIRA FOR CANTON

Canton, Mar. 20.—The Governor of Macao, Commander Rodrigues Oliveira, will arrive in Canton on Monday at 3 p.m. by Government speed-boat to pay a courtesy call on Governor T. V. Soong, Dr. Jose Calves, Consul for Portugal, said today.

Governor Oliveira will return to Macao the next day, said Consul Calves, who pointed out that the recent agreements with China on finance and preventive service showed that Macao was cooperating closely with the Chinese authorities. — Associated Press.

DOG SHOW TODAY

The first post-war Dog Show to be held in the Colony will take place at the Race Club, Happy Valley today. The dogs worth an estimated \$200,000, ranging from Great Danes to Miniature Toy Dogs will be on display. Some of the dogs will be for sale.

The general public will be admitted to the Show from noon, and refreshments will be available for non-members of the Jockey Club in the Non-Members Enclosure. Non-members of the Jockey Club must wear their badges. The entrance charge to the Show at the Public Stand of the Race Course will be \$2 and \$1 for children.

Weight of the Great Danes to be on display will vary around 160 lbs. and the Toy Dogs up to 10 lbs. Mrs. Durge, who arrived from Singapore during the week will be in the First Judge, while Major Lund from Manila will be Second Judge.

Personalia

Dr. K. H. Utley has been appointed a member of the Volunteer Pensions Assessment Board, vice Dr. Isaac Newton, who is proceeding on leave.

Dr. S. H. Moore and Mr. E. B. Teasdale have been appointed Justices of the Peace, on the Official list.

The wedding of Allan Leonard Russell Marchant, Ship's Officer, to Gladys Yeung, 74 Village Road, took place in the Supreme Court Registry yesterday, in the presence of P. F. J. Eardley and Lok King.

The forthcoming wedding of Howard Edward Phillips, Jr., Chief Engineer, Texas Co., to Joanna Maria Rodriguez Heiberg, Peninsula Hotel, has been announced.

BOY SCOUTS DANCE

The dance held by the Hong Kong Boy Scouts Association at the European "X" last night proved a tremendous success and, judging by the large crowd present, should considerably swell the funds of the Association.

Dancing was to music played by the everpopular C. C. Quah and his band. Incidentally, Mr. Quah is the Deputy Commissioner of Scouts for Hong Kong.

EBENEZER HOME FOR BLIND

The Ebenezer Home for Blind Girls, which has been occupying the White House at Sheung Shui, owned by Mr. F. Mow-fung, yesterday returned to their pre-war premises at Pokfulam. The White House was formally handed over to Mr. Mow-fung yesterday.

P.A.L. DINNER

The Philippine Air Line celebrated the second anniversary of its establishment in Hong Kong with a Chinese dinner party at the Kam Ling Restaurant last evening.

Mr. A. J. Ramond, local manager, and Mr. F. W. Kendall, Far East Traffic and Sales Manager, welcomed the 150 guests, including the Philippine Consul, Mr. E. B. J. J. J.

DONATIONS

War Memorial Fund
Public subscription received 7/4/48: \$100.00
Total: \$100.00

Salvation Army Annual Appeal
Public subscription received 7/4/48: \$100.00
Total: \$100.00

MEMORANDUM ON THE BUDGET

Details Given Of Expenditure

Provision for the construction of a new headquarters for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is one of the features of the Budget Vote for Public Works Extraordinary. Further information on the proposed expenditure is contained in a memorandum prepared by the Hon. C.G.S. Follows, Financial Secretary, from which the following extracts are taken:

In considering the comparative table given under each Head, it must be remembered that the actual expenditure for the year 1946/47 only relates to an 11 months' period—the Civil Administration was not resumed until the 1st May, 1946.

Head 1. His Excellency the Governor.
Estimate 1948/49 \$219,706
Revised Estimate 1947/48 228,097
Approved Estimate 1947/48 185,498
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 185,980

Head 2. Colonial and Legislative Secretariat.
Estimate 1948/49 \$860,109
Revised Estimate 1947/48 703,868
Approved Estimate 1947/48 535,000
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 487,617

There is an increase of two motor drivers who are required for the new motor delivery service, but this has resulted in a reduction of one messenger under this Head as well as a number of other reductions in other departments.

It has been necessary to increase the Temporary Staff Vote which had to be supplemented by Special Warrant during 1947/48 to cover the employment of additional staff for the Exchange Control Office and staff for a board of survey on the Government surveys which it was necessary to set up in order to catalogue and price stores received during the military period in respect of which no documents were supplied. It is expected that the work of this board of survey will be concluded by September.

Head 3. Audit Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$261,695
Revised Estimate 1947/48 167,161
Approved Estimate 1947/48 147,434
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 97,750

It has been necessary to provide for the leave salary of the retiring Director of Audit as well as for the salary of the new holder of the post who has already arrived in the Colony. There has been a large increase in the Temporary Staff Vote as it has proved necessary to reinforce the normal clerical staff of the department in order to provide for a more detailed audit of the accounts of temporary departments, such as the Supplies, Trade & Industry Department and the Custodian of Property Department, both of which handle very large sums of money. On the recommendation of the Director of Colonial Audit, additional clerical staff was provided for by Special Warrant during the present year.

Head 4. Civil Aviation Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$745,969
Revised Estimate 1947/48 225,610
Approved Estimate 1947/48 164,574
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 75,599

There is a general increase in staff to meet the considerable rise in the amount of air traffic using the aerodrome since the reoccupation. Formerly R.A.F. personnel were responsible for manning a number of control and radio services but these have now been withdrawn.

Head 5. A. Development Secretary—Directorate.
Estimate 1948/49 \$100,376
Revised Estimate 1947/48 62,572
Approved Estimate 1947/48 63,573
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 45,341

An new post of Registrar of Co-operatives has been provided for.

Head 6. B. Development Secretary—Agriculture.
Estimate 1948/49 \$446,085
Revised Estimate 1947/48 206,128
Approved Estimate 1947/48 241,708
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 106,063

Head 7. C. Development Secretary—Fisheries.
Estimate 1948/49 \$129,242
Revised Estimate 1947/48 119,242
Approved Estimate 1947/48 119,242
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 119,242

Head 8. D. Development Secretary—Forestry.
Estimate 1948/49 \$129,242
Revised Estimate 1947/48 119,242
Approved Estimate 1947/48 119,242
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 119,242

Head 9. E. Development Secretary—Public Works Extraordinary.
Estimate 1948/49 \$1,098,075
Revised Estimate 1947/48 610,480
Approved Estimate 1947/48 630,436
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 428,646

Provision has been included under Personal Emoluments for six stokers for the Fire Flats. These posts existed before the war but have not been filled since the reoccupation of the Colony. Several ships have, however, been on fire in the harbour during the past year and it is considered necessary that the Fire Brigade should be in a position to man two Fire Flats simultaneously should the situation so demand. To do this six stokers will be necessary.

A sum of \$65,000 has been included under Special Expenditure for a new fire engine. This is required to replace a pre-war engine, bought in 1922, which has been in use since the reoccupation and for which spare parts are no longer obtainable. The replacement is not, therefore, a proper charge against loan funds. A sum of \$40,000 is also included under Special Expenditure for the installation of additional fire hydrants.

Head 10. Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force.
Estimate 1948/49 \$3,250
Revised Estimate 1947/48 2,871
Approved Estimate 1947/48 4,978
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 3,885

This is in the nature of a token vote as the future of the Force is still under consideration.

Head 11. Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.
Estimate 1948/49 \$309,936
Revised Estimate 1947/48 62,900
Approved Estimate 1947/48 74,011
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 28,791

Provision of \$201,500 has been included for the re-employment of training on a limited scale.

Head 12. Imports & Exports Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$1,220,714
Revised Estimate 1947/48 500,885
Approved Estimate 1947/48 612,957
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 478,188

Provision has been included for a combined establishment of 85 Inspectors and junior Revenue Officers as compared with the present figure of 30. This increase of 45 is considered necessary to safeguard the revenue from import duties as evasion has increased since the duties were raised. It is hoped that as these additional Revenue Inspectors are recruited it will be possible gradually to reduce the number of Revenue Officers on the \$900 to \$1,800 grade.

Head 13. Inland Revenue Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$672,605
Revised Estimate 1947/48 540,198
Approved Estimate 1947/48 341,008
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 4,923

Practically no expenditure was incurred on this department in 1946/47 as preparations for the formation of the department were only commenced at the end of that year. In consequence, when the 1947/48 Estimates were prepared, the future establishment of the department had not been finally fixed.

Two Assistant Commissioners have since been appointed and these posts have been included under the Pensionable Establishment. It is hoped to recruit, during the coming year, three additional Assessors Grade II, five Assistant Assessors Grade II, five Assistant Assessors Grade III, and six Assistant Assessors Grade IV.

It may not be necessary to retain the additional Assessors Grade I for more than three years, by which time the routine of the department will be firmly established. But, at present, collections of Earnings and Profits Tax are considerably in arrears and more staff is needed to restore the position.

Head 14. A. Judiciary—Supreme Court.
Estimate 1948/49 \$345,125
Revised Estimate 1947/48 250,270
Approved Estimate 1947/48 254,063
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 220,719

Head 15. B. Judiciary—Magistrate, Hong Kong.
Estimate 1948/49 \$111,805
Revised Estimate 1947/48 90,120
Approved Estimate 1947/48 80,475
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 70,738

Head 16. C. Judiciary—Kowloon Magistrate.
Estimate 1948/49 \$103,842
Revised Estimate 1947/48 62,840
Approved Estimate 1947/48 63,164
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 54,335

Head 17. D. Judiciary—Kowloon Magistrate.
Estimate 1948/49 \$6,050,880
Revised Estimate 1947/48 3,586,280
Approved Estimate 1947/48 5,021,702
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 4,441,500

It has been decided to increase the Police establishment from 1,000 to 1,200. The Police establishment is now 1,000 and it is considered necessary to increase it to 1,200 to meet the requirements of the Colony.

Head 18. Labour Office.
Estimate 1948/49 \$262,029
Revised Estimate 1947/48 150,000
Approved Estimate 1947/48 150,777
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 89,444

Head 19. Legal Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$648,140
Revised Estimate 1947/48 301,680
Approved Estimate 1947/48 340,473
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 314,268

Head 20. Marine Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$4,636,502
Revised Estimate 1947/48 3,186,781
Approved Estimate 1947/48 3,589,033
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 1,841,715

The title of the department has been changed from Harbour Department to Marine Department. Two supernumerary Surveyors of Ships have been included for a period of six months. It is proposed to recruit these additional surveyors during the course of the year and to arrange for them to take a Ministry of Transport course before arriving in the Colony to replace surveyors proceeding on leave pending retirement in 1948 and 1949.

The various increases in light-house staff provide for the possibility that the lighthouse at Gap Rock, which was operated by the Hong Kong Government before the war, may be re-activated during the year. This matter is at present the subject of discussion with the Chinese Government.

Head 21. Medical Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$18,705,281
Revised Estimate 1947/48 7,545,040
Approved Estimate 1947/48 11,053,980
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 5,024,554

In connection with the establishment of the new Tuberculosis Clinic, the funds for the construction of which are provided for under Public Works Extraordinary, it has been necessary to include under Sub-Head 24 of Other Charges a sum of \$305,000 for supplementary diets for T.B. outpatients. A further sum of \$56,800 has been provided under Special Expenditure for equipment for the new clinic.

The grant to the Alice Memorial Hospital, part of which was met from Special Expenditure last year, remains unchanged, but it has been necessary to increase the grant to the Tung Wah Hospital who are revising the salaries of some of their staff following the adoption of revised scales throughout the Government Service.

Head 22. Miscellaneous Services.
Estimate 1948/49 \$29,705,550
Revised Estimate 1947/48 40,054,899
Approved Estimate 1947/48 30,347,828
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 25,849,888

The large difference between the approved estimate for 1947/48 and the revised estimate is chiefly the result of the salaries revision and is due to the fact that arrears of salary due from 1st January, 1947, have been charged to a special Sub-Head under "Miscellaneous Services". Heavy debts in respect of passage payments for officers returning to duty after internment were not received until after the close of the financial year 1947/48, thus causing the provision in the 1947/48 Estimates to be heavily over-expanded.

The grant to the Hong Kong University has been increased from \$455,000 to \$1,500,000. The University has difficulty even before the war in paying its way, and a considerable increase in the grant is necessary in order to enable it to meet the greatly increased recurrent expenditures of today.

It is considered that the vote of \$500,000 will suffice to meet the initial expenses connected with the establishment of the new municipality.

Head 23. Pensions.
Estimate 1948/49 \$6,081,000
Revised Estimate 1947/48 6,200,469
Approved Estimate 1947/48 4,403,000
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 6,223,816

Head 24. Police Force.
Estimate 1948/49 \$10,303,874
Revised Estimate 1947/48 6,208,000
Approved Estimate 1947/48 6,068,943
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 6,050,811

A further reduction in the overall establishment of inspectors and sub-inspectors has been possible owing to the retirement of more officers during 1947/48. It will be recalled that it was necessary to engage a short-term contract of inspectors on short-term contracts to carry on the police work of the Colony while officers were recuperating from the effects of internment. This naturally resulted in the authorized establishment being exceeded.

Head 25. A. Post Office.
Estimate 1948/49 \$2,014,823
Revised Estimate 1947/48 1,777,841
Approved Estimate 1947/48 2,510,000
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 2,510,000

Head 26. B. Post Office.
Estimate 1948/49 \$2,014,823
Revised Estimate 1947/48 1,777,841
Approved Estimate 1947/48 2,510,000
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 2,510,000

Chit-Chat At Ferry Wharf

"Who are you?"

"I am Sikh," former L/Cpl. Mohar Singh, E.K.S. Heavy Battery, R.A., replied.

"Where is Gandhi?"

"He is dead, and I will die too," Mohar answered.

"Why don't you shave off your beard then?"

"What has that got to do with you?"

"I am a Moslem and you are a Sikh. Shave off your beard!"

"Don't tell me to do that so many times. Get out!" Mohar lunged back.

He was then promptly arrested, taken to Central Police Station and charged with "disorderly conduct."

That was what happened between him and E. U. Constable "334" outside the Star Ferry Wharf, Connaught Road, Central, at about 5 p.m. on March 4, the private watchman of the Court when he appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's yesterday.

Convicted by Mr. d'Almada, Mohar was fined \$25 and told that he could take summons against the constable he alleged against accordingly if he wished to do so.

Sgt. Victor Cruz, Emergency Unit, told the Court that at 5 p.m. on March 4 he saw defendant "grumbling" to himself outside the Star Ferry Wharf and when he told him to move on Mohar abused him. Defendant smelt of alcohol but was sober when brought to the Station.

Mohar made a statement saying that he did not see Cruz until he was in the Charge Room. "I have nothing to do with him," he asserted.

"I was standing outside the Star Ferry looking at a liner of the American President Lines, when E. U. Constable 334 came along and patted me on the back, asking me who I was," Mohar said.

The names of Dr. Esther Lloyd-Davies, Melbourne Hotel, Kowloon, Dr. John Carye Hughes, Peninsula Hotel and Dr. Robert Douglas Scriven, M.C., Peninsula Hotel, have been added to the Medical Register.

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Head 27. B. Telecommunications.
Estimate 1948/49 \$703,904
Revised Estimate 1947/48 614,791
Approved Estimate 1947/48 670,762
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 491,601

Head 28. C. Post Office—Broadcasting.
Estimate 1948/49 \$233,054
Revised Estimate 1947/48 199,062
Approved Estimate 1947/48 158,631
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 120,095

The present programme secretary (Z&K) is due to retire shortly and it is considered necessary to train a replacement. Provision has accordingly been made for an additional probationer secretary.

The Sub-Head "Fees for Artists and Announcers" has been increased to provide for the use of more live talent and for extended broadcasting hours.

Head 29. Prisons Department.
Estimate 1948/49 \$3,515,160
Revised Estimate 1947/48 2,554,040
Approved Estimate 1947/48 2,201,618
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 1,008,080

Two leaders, five assistant leaders and seven trainee instructors have been included to provide for the discipline and training of the inmates of the Reformatory and the Experimental Prison Institution.

Head 30. Public Debt.
Estimate 1948/49 \$5,512,441
Revised Estimate 1947/48 1,862,285
Approved Estimate 1947/48 7,338,148
Actual Expenditure 1946/47 6,071,835

The opportunity has been taken to set out clearly in footnotes to this Head the present position in regard to each of the Colony's loans.

The actual expenditure for 1946/47 was high, during that year the redemption position, which had fallen into arrears during the Japanese occupation, was brought up to date. The difference between the approved estimate for 1947/48 and the revised estimate is due to the fact that when the Estimates were prepared the "loans" had not been decided, and the possibility that it might have been necessary to issue loans to the full authorized figure of \$150,000,000 was allowed for.

Actually, owing to the large floating balances available on the Supplies, Trading, and Industry account, it has only been necessary to issue \$10,000,000 of the "loans" in 1947/48. The balance of the "loans" was not required.

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H.K. RAMC Association

The Hong Kong branch of the R.A.M.C. Association has been reformed as a result of a meeting at the Bowen Road Military Hospital on Friday night.

Among the 12 persons who attended the meeting was Lt. Col. G.A. Walmaley, O.B.E.

Major Keating, officer-in-charge of the Bowen Road Military Hospital, was elected Chairman of the Hong Kong branch, and Sergeant-Major E. Hills Hon. Secretary-Treasurer. A Committee of five was decided upon including Major Miles (ex-R.A.M.C.), S/Sgt. Keith (Military Hospital, Kowloon), Sgt. Matthews (Military Hospital, Hong Kong), and Cpl. Allard (Military Hospital, Hong Kong).

The fifth place was left vacant to be filled by a civilian (ex-R.A.M.C.).

The local branch is affiliated with the Association in Britain.

Oratorio At Cathedral

A Recital of Stainer's Oratorio "The Crucifixion" is to be given by the Chinese Christian Choir of Hong Kong in St. John's Cathedral on Thursday next at 8 p.m. The choir of over fifty voices is conducted by Mr. K. M. Liu, with Prof. Harry Ore at the piano. The tenor and bass solo parts are sung by K. T. Lai and W. T. Tong.

Last Christmas, the Chinese Christian Choir sang "The Messiah" in St. Paul's Church, and a week later they sang it again in aid of the Boys' and Girls' Club Association of Hong Kong.

A special free programme at the recital of "The Crucifixion" contains all the verses both in English and Chinese. Admission is free and all are welcome.

MENACES CHARGE

Facing four counts of demanding money with menaces, Teol Kwok-kuen (alias Po Chien) 28-year-old unemployed, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday and was remanded in custody for one week.

Teol was charged with demanding, on March 8, at 6 Swatow Street, ground floor, \$15 from Wong Kwong with intent to steal; \$12 from Tan at No. 126, Queen's Road, East, on March 9; \$9 from Lo Mun at No. 11, Swatow Street, on March 8, and \$16 from Wong So on March 9.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Reminders

Today
H.K. Kennel Club Dog Show, Race Club, Happy Valley, 12 noon.
Talk on "Thou Hast Conquered" by Capt. A.P. Luff, European YMCA, 4.30 p.m.

Concert of Recorded Music, The H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.
Amateur Boxing Tournament, S.C.A.A. Basketball Stadium, Caroline Hill, 7 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
H.K. University annual sports, Caroline Hill, 1.15 p.m.
H.K. Council of Women general meeting, Y.W.C.A., Duddell St., 5.15 p.m.

TUESDAY
Committee Meeting, English-speaking group, Y.W.C.A., Duddell Street, 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

H.K. Tramways Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

H.K. Singers' rendition of "Handel's Messiah," St. Paul's Church, Glenelg, 9 p.m.

Talk on "Conditions in Germany after the War," by Maj. Gen. G.W.E.J. Erskine, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8.30 p.m.

Money Market

The U.S. dollar was slightly easier yesterday as it closed at \$5.74 for notes, \$5.85 for drafts and \$5.96 for T.B.

Gold kept to the level of the previous day and fluctuated within narrow limits. Opening at \$336.50 a tact it closed at \$336.25. Highest and lowest rates were \$337 and \$335 respectively.

Sterling was unchanged at \$13.30 and so were Australian pounds at \$12.53.

Pinsters opened at \$12.42 1/2 and closed at \$12.44 a 100.

Chinese National Currency futures dropped to the all-time low of 11 1/2 cents for CN\$10,000 at the opening, but later improved to 11-7/8 cents. At the close the dollar was 11-3/4 cents.

Ticals rose to \$27.50 a 100, while NEI Guilders were unchanged at \$31.80.

Washington, Mar. 19. The United States and Afghanistan have agreed to raise their respective Legations to Embassy status, diplomatic relations between the two countries were established on May 1935, when the first American Minister presented his credentials to the King of Afghanistan. The first Afghan Ambassador to the United States was received by the President in June, 1943. In the early years of the two countries' relations, the American Minister to Iran was concurrently accredited to Afghanistan. An American Legation was opened in Kabul in June, 1942.—Reuter

LORD LISTOWEL'S BROADCAST

Municipal Council Colony's Chance

Development Of H.K. Mindedness

"An elected Municipal Council will offer a magnificent chance for the people of Hong Kong to show that they have the will and the capacity to organise their own government in a limited field," declared the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, in a broadcast over Z.B.W. last night.

Lord Listowel declared:—

"I expect some of you may be wondering why I am in Hong Kong. The fact is that the Minister of State at the Colonial Office is a new appointment, which has given this department three Ministers instead of two. The main reason for an addition to the Ministerial team is to enable one Minister to travel around the Colonies while the other two are in Whitehall, tied down to their offices or to the Front Bench in Parliament, the travelling Minister will be able to gain first-hand experience of personalities and problems in the Colonies. And this first-hand experience will be simply invaluable to him and to his colleagues, whenever the Government or the Department has to decide any of the important questions arising from their economic, social or constitutional development. We want the authorities at home to be just as vividly aware of the needs and difficulties of distant places like Hong Kong as they are of those experienced by any of the Colonies nearer London. For that reason I have been spending most of my time here in the company of those best qualified to tell me where the shoe pinches. I do assure you that potential wealth, and size and distance, make no difference whatever to the responsibility we feel for the inhabitants of every Colonial Territory. We are just as concerned to safeguard and to further the interests of the smallest Colony in the British Commonwealth, as we are to help forward larger areas nearer home with economic potentialities more closely related to our own immediate means.

Remarkable Progress

"The impressions I am receiving of your problems and requirements are just beginning to form a clear and definite pattern in my mind. When contact with Hong Kong again becomes

a matter of files and correspondence, each will become alive by evoking one of the people or scenes of these crowded days. I am sure that I shall be able to serve the people of Hong Kong the better for all you are adding to my knowledge and experience. I have only been in Hong Kong for three days, but I have already been struck by the remarkable progress you are making towards recovery from the war. Wherever I go, I see people working long hours in their offices, on farms, in fishing boats, or building new houses and repairing other buildings damaged by air attack. It is this impression of abounding vitality, of a determination to make good by hard work what you have lost in the war, that is the clue to your outstanding measure of success. We too, at home in the United Kingdom, have had to recover by our labours in fields and factories what we have lost during the war years. This was a time when our industries were geared to production for war purposes, and we were unable to make the clothing, to buy the foodstuffs, to build the new homes, we should have had in abundance if the years of peace had not been interrupted. We are still paying the price of victory, and we are not deluding ourselves by the belief that it will not be a heavy burden for many years to come.

Britain's Effort

"But, like you in Hong Kong, our people have risen splendidly to the occasion. They produced a larger quantity of goods for export overseas in 1947 than they had ever done before, even in the most prosperous pre-war years. They have responded to the challenge of national poverty by working longer hours, by accepting lower rations, and by a unity of purpose that has prevented the serious strikes and political conflicts from which other countries, less fortunate perhaps in the

any illness or disease to which he may succumb.

Municipal Council

"We realise of course, that it will take a little time for people to adjust their minds to this unusual conception of social medicine, so contrary to the money-making habits of professional and business life. But the wider application of medical knowledge and skill, as a service for the prevention and cure of sickness, is a principle that many great physicians have professed. We are convinced that a scheme so full of promise for the health and happiness of our population will ultimately obtain the willing co-operation of all whose help will be required to make it a success.

"I am delighted to hear that an appeal has been launched for financial backing for the campaign against tuberculosis, the terrible disease that is ravaging your overcrowded city. Here, surely, is an opportunity for the exercise of that sense of civic responsibility you will need for the successful management of your own affairs.

"An elected Municipal Council will offer a magnificent chance for the people of Hong Kong to show that they have the will and the capacity to organise their own Government in a limited field. But the wise use of the franchise, and the efficient and effective employment of administrative authority, both depend on your whole-hearted acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, and on the degree to which the spirit of fellowship in a vast community prevails among you.

Hong Kong Mindedness

"The time will surely come when Hong Kong mindedness—I mean loyalty to this beautiful and progressive city and territory on the part of all who make their homes here—will have a stronger appeal than any narrower and more limited allegiance. I wish every success to this fine project for a more popular and democratic system of government in Hong Kong.

"I believe that this is the first time since the war that a Minister from the Colonial Office has visited the Colony. I should therefore like to tell you how intensely the people of the United Kingdom admired your courage, and how closely they followed your fortunes, during the Battle of Hong Kong. They sympathised with your plight during the long years of the Japanese occupation, and they greatly admired the patience and fortitude you then displayed. I should also like to thank you, on their behalf, for your Flood Relief contributions last winter, and for sending many food parcels to homes where, I can assure you from my own experience of the food shortage, they must have been most keenly appreciated.

Joint Effort

"Let me say in conclusion how impressed I have been by the speed and energy with which you have obliterated the scars of war. Your great and beautiful city has already almost recovered her former shape and prosperity, and she is bringing security and happiness and comparative wealth to an ever larger number of her inhabitants. I can imagine your pride in her achievement when I think of my native London, which faced a similar ordeal, and has emerged from it with the same undiminished vitality and hope for the future.

"Your achievement here has been made possible by a long, sustained and intimate co-operation between British and Chinese in a joint effort to make this city and territory the thriving centre of trade and business activity it has now become. What you have done has been an example of international and inter-racial friendship and co-operation that the world will do well to remember, and it is precisely this sense of solidarity between all those who make Hong Kong their home that is the surest guarantee of a great and prosperous future.

Struck Woman

"Are you not ashamed of yourself, striking a woman?" Mr. F.X. d'Almada asked defendant Leung, who was charged with assaulting a 12-year-old girl, when he tried her at the District Court yesterday.

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Lord Listowel snapped by the "Sunday Herald" photographer while broadcasting over Z.B.W. last night.

stamina of their people, have suffered since the war. This united effort to work harder, and to increase the output of essential goods, has been made easier by a programme of social reform, more ambitious and extensive than anything we have hitherto attempted. Our Government at home is determined to give the whole population better housing conditions, better education, a better health service, than it has even had in the past. We aim at putting an end to the slums and gross overcrowding which have disgraced our large industrial cities for so many years, and at providing every family with a home of its own, a separate cottage or urban flat. We have prohibited the building of houses for sale to private owners, in order that the limited resources of manpower and materials in our building industry may be available for the public authorities in the towns and in the countryside. These are the agencies who are building flats and cottages at low rents for the wage-earning families who stand in urgent need of decent homes. Our housing programme has been severely cut this year for lack of timber, of which large amounts come from dollar sources, and the pace at which these new homes will be completed must depend on the economic recovery of the country.

In spite of a shortage of school buildings, and the dearth of trained teachers, resulting from the war, we have decided to give our school homes. Our housing programme children another year of free education before they leave school to earn their livelihood in the world outside. The school leaving age will therefore be raised from 14 to 15 on the 1st of April of this year. This will enable all our children, including those whose parents cannot afford to pay for their schooling, to go out into the world equipped with a secondary education, and it will give bright children from poor homes a better chance of winning their way by a scholarship to one of our universities. We believe that well-educated people make the best citizens, and the most useful members of the community; and we are therefore willing to sacrifice some of our comforts, and even necessities, by postponing for a whole year the date each growing boy or girl will become a productive unit in our labour force.

"We have also passed an Act of Parliament to institute a comprehensive health service that will give every person, on the payment of a small weekly insurance contribution, the full benefit of the whole variety of services which medical and dental science can dispense in a progressive modern community. This comprehensive health service will start to operate in July of this year. Advice and treatment by a medical practitioner or a dentist, including the cost of any drugs they may prescribe, consultation if necessary with a specialist, the assistance of maternity and child welfare clinics, accommodation and treatment in a hospital for sanatorium, will all be provided throughout the United Kingdom free of charge to every man, woman and child. In this way, we hope that as time passes, it will become as easy for the poor to obtain the best medical and dental services as it is for the rich. It is a principle that we are determined to put into effect, and we are sure that it will be a great step towards the goal of a more equal and more prosperous future.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's Name

We, INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD., Pedder St., Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of a desire to maintain a uniform system of nomenclature.

We have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the motor ship "EWO III" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 155837, Register tonnage 24.20 tons, heretofore owned by us the said Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., for permission to change her name to "INDO" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by us the said Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 18th day of March 1948, Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Limited.

R. FROST Secretary.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fourteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 31st day of March, 1948 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1948.

CHATHAM ENGLISH SCHOOL

Preparations are being completed for the above School to open classes 4-8 for boys and girls at No. 1 Chatham Path, May Road, Hong Kong.

Students intending to register should apply to Room 501, Pedder Building, Hong Kong. Principal: Mrs. W. H. Latimer, Manager: Raymond Chiang.

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NOTICE

We the Office Appliance Co., Ltd., wish to inform our customers that Mr. C.C. Chan, formerly sales representative of this firm, is now no longer connected with us in any way and that he ceases to be employed by ourselves as and from March 24th 1948.

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Memorandum On The Budget

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Head 26. Public Relations	1947/48	200,741
Estimated	1947/48	203,822
Revised Estimate	1947/48	203,822
1947/48	1947/48	203,822
Approved Estimate	1947/48	203,822
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	203,822
1940/47	1940/47	203,822
Head 27. Public Works Department	1947/48	4,151,855
Estimated	1947/48	4,151,855
Revised Estimate	1947/48	4,151,855
1947/48	1947/48	4,151,855
Approved Estimate	1947/48	4,151,855
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	4,151,855
1940/47	1940/47	4,151,855
Head 28. Public Works Recurrent	1947/48	10,779,600
Estimated	1947/48	10,779,600
Revised Estimate	1947/48	10,779,600
1947/48	1947/48	10,779,600
Approved Estimate	1947/48	10,779,600
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	10,779,600
1940/47	1940/47	10,779,600
Head 29. Public Works Extraordinary	1947/48	6,028,600
Estimated	1947/48	6,028,600
Revised Estimate	1947/48	6,028,600
1947/48	1947/48	6,028,600
Approved Estimate	1947/48	6,028,600
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	6,028,600
1940/47	1940/47	6,028,600
Head 30. Stores Department	1947/48	6,018,350
Estimated	1947/48	6,018,350
Revised Estimate	1947/48	6,018,350
1947/48	1947/48	6,018,350
Approved Estimate	1947/48	6,018,350
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	6,018,350
1940/47	1940/47	6,018,350
Head 31. Sanitary Department and Urban Council	1947/48	5,433,480
Estimated	1947/48	5,433,480
Revised Estimate	1947/48	5,433,480
1947/48	1947/48	5,433,480
Approved Estimate	1947/48	5,433,480
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	5,433,480
1940/47	1940/47	5,433,480
Head 32. A Secretariat for Chinese Affairs	1947/48	181,314
Estimated	1947/48	181,314
Revised Estimate	1947/48	181,314
1947/48	1947/48	181,314
Approved Estimate	1947/48	181,314
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	181,314
1940/47	1940/47	181,314
Head 32. B. Secretariat for Chinese Affairs - District	1947/48	204,199
Estimated	1947/48	204,199
Revised Estimate	1947/48	204,199
1947/48	1947/48	204,199
Approved Estimate	1947/48	204,199
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	204,199
1940/47	1940/47	204,199
Head 32. C. Secretariat for Chinese Affairs - Social Welfare Office	1947/48	1,298,253
Estimated	1947/48	1,298,253
Revised Estimate	1947/48	1,298,253
1947/48	1947/48	1,298,253
Approved Estimate	1947/48	1,298,253
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	1,298,253
1940/47	1940/47	1,298,253
Head 33. Statistical Office	1947/48	121,020
Estimated	1947/48	121,020
Revised Estimate	1947/48	121,020
1947/48	1947/48	121,020
Approved Estimate	1947/48	121,020
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	121,020
1940/47	1940/47	121,020
Head 34. Stores Department	1947/48	6,018,350
Estimated	1947/48	6,018,350
Revised Estimate	1947/48	6,018,350
1947/48	1947/48	6,018,350
Approved Estimate	1947/48	6,018,350
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	6,018,350
1940/47	1940/47	6,018,350
Head 35. Supplies, Trade & Industry Department	1947/48	751,304
Estimated	1947/48	751,304
Revised Estimate	1947/48	751,304
1947/48	1947/48	751,304
Approved Estimate	1947/48	751,304
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	751,304
1940/47	1940/47	751,304
Head 36. Treasury	1947/48	832,400
Estimated	1947/48	832,400
Revised Estimate	1947/48	832,400
1947/48	1947/48	832,400
Approved Estimate	1947/48	832,400
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	832,400
1940/47	1940/47	832,400
Head 37. Custodian of Property	1947/48	110,010
Estimated	1947/48	110,010
Revised Estimate	1947/48	110,010
1947/48	1947/48	110,010
Approved Estimate	1947/48	110,010
Actual Expenditure	1947/48	110,010
1940/47	1940/47	110,010

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of members will be held at the office, 3rd floor, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, on Monday, March 22nd, 1948, at 5 p.m.

General Secretary: G. T. LLOYD

President Truman's speech to Congress and other State Department "Voice of America" broadcasts beamed to Russia and the Far East have struck an iron curtain of interference, Associated Press learned authoritatively today.

Russian-language programmes prepared in New York for rebroadcast over the powerful United States Information Service 50-kilowatt radio station at Malolos, Bulacan (24 miles north-west of Manila) have been subjected to intensive jamming from unidentified high powered transmitters. While Malolos station has been on the air with high frequency broadcasts since last September 11, communication experts said serious interference has developed only in the past three weeks.

Direction finders on land sea have been ordered to hunt down the source of interference. Jamming procedure is comparable to the technique the Germans used during the last war. Myron Hobbs, Manila manager of Philippine Press Wireless who handled transmissions from the Nor mundy beachhead said: "I haven't heard 'wobulators' use like that outside a combat zone. That's what the Germans turned against us."

"Wobulators" is a radio term to describe a transmitter which deliberately swings frequency back and forth to produce a wobbling high pitched scream instead of a steady tone. When turned on the same frequency on which the Voice of America is broadcasting, wobulators have the effect of drowning out the programmes with an unintelligible screech.

Malolos station picks up its special language programme from the United States and relays them on its high frequency channel over a vast Asiatic arc. The primary target area ranges from Japan and Siberia to the far north over Manchuria and North Korea, across the steppes of Inner and Outer Mongolia, over China's remote Sinkiang province and the hinterland of Tibet, and beyond India to the Arabian Sea. It is an area inhabited by more than a 1,000,000 people, a little more than "half of humanity."

Exports studying the jamming have found that the interference is directed at programmes sent from the United States to Malolos rather than on programmes being relayed from Malolos to the rest of Asia. The intention, apparently, is to destroy the intelligibility of the Russian-language programmes before they reach the relay point.

Many Transmitters Apparently many transmitters are being used for the purpose. Each has its own characteristic noise. Half an hour or so before the transmission schedule, the jamming stations can be heard warming up. A whistle comes on as wobulators are turned to the precise "Voice of America" frequency. They wait until the broadcast begins. Then the jam session starts in earnest.

Radio experts say it is a fairly difficult thing to completely interfere with a high frequency transmitter because of a phenomena called skip distance. Radio waves beamed at high frequency skip and bounce

STOLE BECAUSE OF SICKNESS

He stole because he was in ill-health and had not sufficient income. Tam, 40-year-old salesman of the Sul Hing Co., Des Voeux Road, Central, told the Magistrate when he appeared at Central Magistrate yesterday charged with larceny by servant.

Pleading guilty, Tam was fined \$25 or three months imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Inspector Brownrigg said that on March 19, defendant was suspected to have hidden something in his jacket at the Sul Hing Company. A search revealed that defendant had a piece of serge cloth.



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10.30 a.m.—"Strings with Wings" George Melchior and Orin Wilford Barnes and Paul Green. Vocal.

11.00 a.m.—"Relay of the Service from The English Methodist Church. Preacher: The Rev. J. E. Sandbach. 12.00 p.m.—"Music in Miniature" (B.B.C. G.T.S.).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.30 p.m.—Composer Cavendish: Hans May.

1.45 p.m.—"Fashions with Wings" George Melchior and Orin Wilford Barnes and Paul Green. Vocal.

2.00 p.m.—"Music by Spanish Composers."

2.30 p.m.—"Close Down."

3.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

3.15 p.m.—"Music by Paul Lincke."

3.30 p.m.—"Travellers' Joy" a Comedy. Written by Maurice Maeterlinck and Paul Radford. (B.B.C.T.S.).

7.00 p.m.—London: "Kaleidoscope" World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—"Theatre Memories."

7.45 p.m.—Dinner Solo.

8.15 p.m.—"Fashions with Wings" George Melchior and Orin Wilford Barnes and Paul Green. Vocal.

8.30 p.m.—"Fashions with Wings" George Melchior and Orin Wilford Barnes and Paul Green. Vocal.

8.45 p.m.—"Fashions with Wings" George Melchior and Orin Wilford Barnes and Paul Green. Vocal.

9.00 p.m.—London: "Kaleidoscope" World and Home News.

9.15 p.m.—"Weather Report."

9.30 p.m.—"Fashions with Wings" George Melchior and Orin Wilford Barnes and Paul Green. Vocal.

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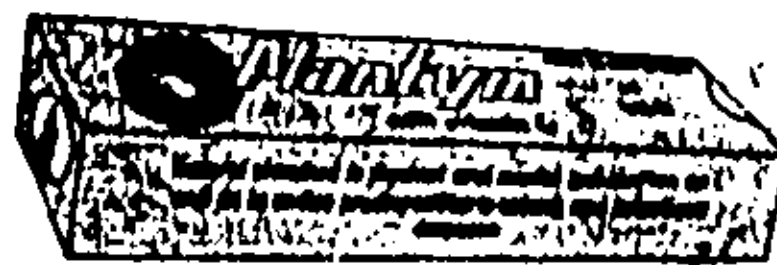
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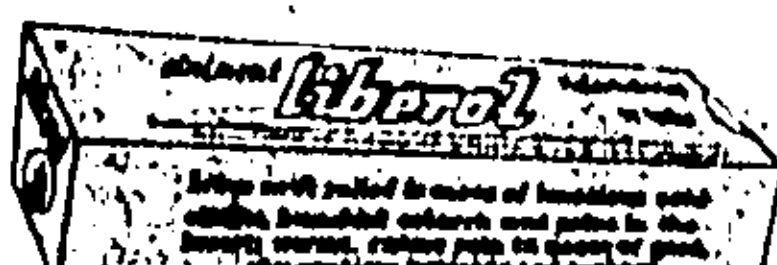
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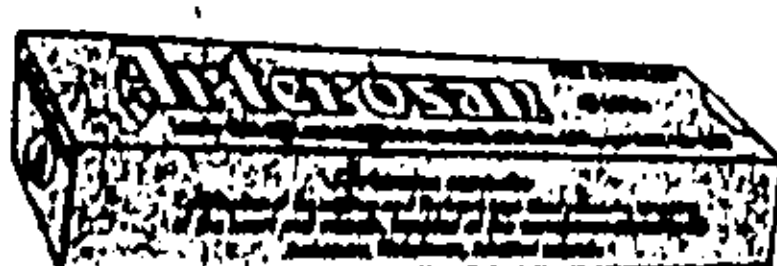
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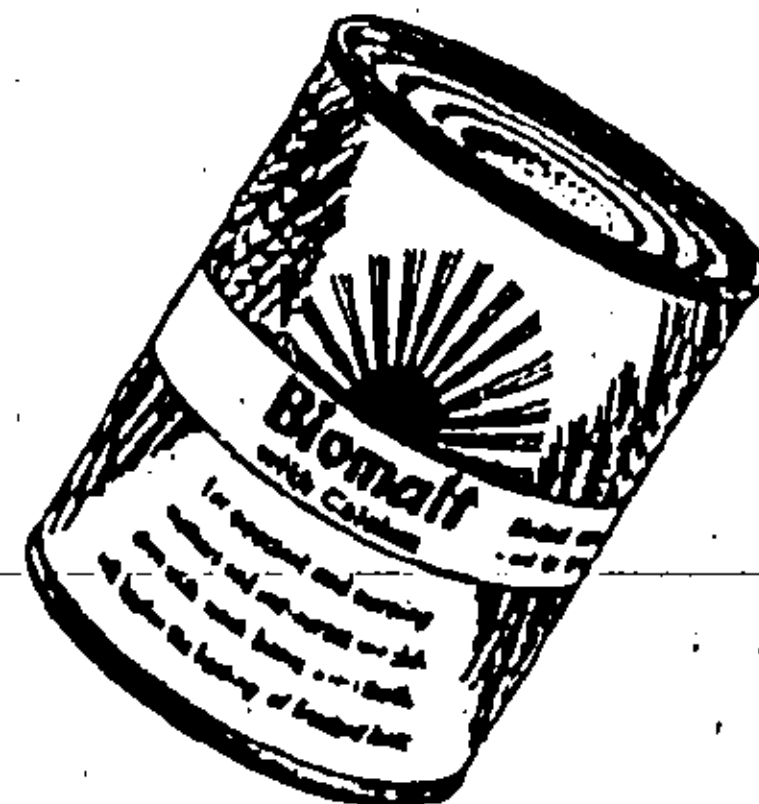
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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

By ARTHUR GEE

Water Wail

Hong Kong's local Tams Post has sent me the following topical contribution—your kind attention for a little while, and mention that I really think we ought to go more easy on the wough-ter?

Though it's nice to know we're ciron

Let us strike the happy mean,
Use enough to keep us chaste,
But avoid all stypal waste.

Daily baths, though very pleasant,
Should be done without at present,
And in spite of all objections
We must wash ourselves in sections.

Grass-Widower

Ever wonder how the expression "grass-widower" (and derivatives like "golf-widower") ever came into being? With the departure of the wife and kids for Vancouver on Wednesday, and my temporary leaving of the ranks of the grass-widowers, I've been doing a spot of research on the subject.

There are two popular theories as to the origin of the phrase. It seems to have been taken up about a hundred years ago in India, where, in the words of the Hobson-Jobson quoted in "A Glossary of Anglo-Indian Words and Phrases," it was used to describe the "ladies reclining in the hill-stations while their husbands are at their duties in the plains."

The expression also came into use in America during the Gold Rush of the late "fifties." A man would often put his wife and children to board with some family while he went off to the "diggings." This he called "putting his wife to grass," the analogy being that of the horse which is put to grass when it is unfit for work or not wanted.

These, however, are comparatively late definitions of the phrase which, in the 16th Century and onward, was used either of a discarded mistress or "one that pretends to be married, but never was, yet has children." In other words, the 16th-century "grass-widower" was a most improper person!

CARELESS
Amateur and careless etymologists have tried to explain the origin of the phrase as corruption of "grass-widow"—i.e., a widow by courtesy. These are the sort of people who, in the words of Ernest Weekly, convert "Welsh rabbit" into "Welsh rabbit" or turn the Malay "ketchip" into "ketup." Another explanation is that "Welsh rabbit" is amusing and "Welsh rabbit" stupid and wrong. The spelling "rarebit" first appears about 1785; "rabbit" it goes much further back into history. It is obviously a form of garconic humour on the lines of Bombay duck (which is a fish), Dutch oyster, Scotch woodcock, Angels on Horseback, Adam and Eve on a Rail, Toad in the Hole, and so on.

To return to "grass-widow" it seems quite certain now that "grass" and not "grace" was the original form, though it is by no means established whether it is derived from grass as the bed of an outcast or with turning to grass. The latter as an unmythical phrase is by no means new—many American slang words aren't, of course—for back in 1648 Heywood used the account of a family quarrel with the words "At end of that fray sundry they go, and never after come together again." He turned her out at doors to graze on the plains.

DESERTED WIVES
A similar expression is used in several other European languages, and generally refers to deserted wives—occasionally with an implied reflection on their morals. In Danish, for instance, (in which "enke" is the word for widow) there is "græsenke." Nowadays it is used in a similar sense to the English phrase, though at one time it meant a woman whose husband had been hanged. The Swedes have "grasanka" which is also used in an opprobrious sense. Both words come from the archaic Low German "gras-widow." The Dutch equivalent is "gras-widwe."

Goethe's "Faust" is often quoted in connection with the 18th Century German phrase "straw widow" ("Strohweib"). The deserted Martha says "God forgive my dear husband, he has not helped well to me! God straws him out into the world, and leaves me alone on the straw." "Faust" also refers to the strawing of chopped straw before the doors of the unchaste. The lady will tear off her garment and will strew chaff before her door. Finally there is—or was—the custom in certain rural districts in Germany where brides who had anticipated conjugal life were forced to replace the floral wreath at their nuptials by a straw wreath. However, may be the result of phrase giving rise to a custom, and not the other way round. That's all I know about "grass-widow."

Jury Duty

about the value of juries. On the one hand were those who maintained that, no matter how ignorant or indifferent a jury might be, a fairer judgment on the average would be rendered by seven or twelve men and women than by one trained judge, liable like any one else, to be prejudiced.

On the other hand there were those who held the view that until juries were given a "short course" in their rights and responsibilities and the importance of their public service, justice would be better served by a judge sitting alone; he might be prejudiced, but his whole career and training has been such that he will try and overcome his own bias and give a fair and reasonable verdict, as possible. Furthermore, he is not worried by thoughts of the office, or the family at home, nor influenced by the knowledge that if he gives judgment before 4 p.m. he will be freed from further duty.

Support for the latter argument came from a woman who has just made her first appearance on a jury. She was, quite definitely, disturbed with the whole thing. Of the jury of seven, three were interested in giving a fair verdict as possible; three others were definitely not interested. One of them, shortly after they retired to consider their verdict, interrupted the discussion to chat about another case, and wonder if the accused in that trial would get off. Another of the three stood with the first three, merely on the grounds that the accused would be sentenced heavily, and she didn't think he should be. The last member of the jury, sided with the four and took no part in the discussion—simply because they were in the majority anyway, "so what's the point of arguing about it?"

ONCE BEFORE

The foreman of the jury had served once before. But even he did not know anything about his rights and responsibilities. None of them seemed to know that they could ask a question at any time during the trial, or recall a witness for further examination. None of them knew, too, that having retired, they could, through the judge, summon the Court again to clear up a point about the evidence which had been given.

Apart from this, the matter of a knowledge of the "languages" of Britain plays an important, and apparently overlooked, role. A Chinese jurymen who can read, write and speak English is considered quite competent to serve on a jury. So he is, when, witness speak ordinary English. But got a man speaking, say, with a broad Scotch dialect—and we often do—and they are completely lost. I know of two Chinese jurymen who ignored one important witness's evidence simply because they could not understand him.

There's an old gag about a jurymen who said he had no difficulty in reaching a verdict—"because if he isn't guilty, what's he doing in the dock?" One of our Chinese-speaking reporters heard a Chinese jurymen make that very same remark to another at the end of a recent case.

Personally, I'd rather be tried by "one good man and true"—i.e. judge—than by the present type of jury. By all means have jurymen, if they are given a short course in what they can do and should do, and what they can't and shouldn't.

Traffic

I would like to suggest to the Traffic Department that a major portion of our local traffic problem is a direct result of the fact that there is no pamphlet or booklet to which a puzzled motor-

ist can refer in cases of doubt. Every now and again, some hapless motorist is hauled up for breaking a traffic regulation of whose existence he was ignorant. The Magistrate often gives him the benefit of the doubt, and tells him he mustn't do it again, now that he knows.

What a ridiculous state of affairs! If parking is prohibited in such and such a place, it is fixed by a good reason. The whole purpose is defeated if the ban can be broken by motorists who can plead ignorant. Each of them may only get away with it once, but there are several thousand of them! For instance, it was only the other day I learned, reading an article about double-decker buses, that private car parking is prohibited in Nathan Road. I've often broken this rule. A friend of mine did so the other day and was gently called by a Chinese Policeman. "Don't be a fool, man," she said. "I always park here." He left her in peace.

Hong Kong has spent a lot of money on tricky traffic lights, and we have some pretty complicated roundabouts and things. We have one-way streets, parking areas, and non-parking areas, speed-limit areas and all the other orders and restrictions that help to make city traffic as smoothly flowing and easy running as possible. But how many motorists (and there are a lot of new ones coming on the road these days) if the L-plates are any criterion, know even a fraction of them? You get to know the rules and regs. for your own particular area, but venture out of that area and you are completely lost.

I suggest that what is wanted, and quickly, is an inexpensive booklet, on the lines and size of the Government Gazette, containing all the rules and regulations to date, and that this should be issued free to all holders of driving licences. Anyone else should be able to get a copy at a nominal charge. As new regulations come into effect, or old ones are altered to meet new conditions, registered holders of the Traffic Rules and Regs. should be issued with a printed appendix. Then, seek hard any motorist who breaks the regulations.

I think you will soon find a great improvement in traffic conditions. Know even a fraction of them? You get to know the rules and regs. for your own particular area, but venture out of that area and you are completely lost.

Phantom Fleet

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Somerville, was time C-in-C of the British Eastern Fleet, still chuckles over a ruse he employed to fool the Japanese Fleet in the Indian Ocean during those grim days of 1943. This is the Admiral's own version, as recounted in an informal letter he wrote to an old friend of mine, Harold Guard, of the United Press:—

"In the autumn of 1943 we were very thin on the sea owing to withdrawal of ships for the North Africa landings. At the same time, we had important convoys going to Australia over the Indian Ocean and damn little ships for them. So, to keep the Japs pinned to the Atlantic Islands, Sumatra, etc. we staged a dummy sortie of the Eastern Fleet into the Bay of Bengal.

To give it additional colour we sent a PBV (Catalina flying-boat) out on a 'recco' with instructions at a certain time to make a report of an enemy fleet using a self-evident code which we knew the Japs could interpret immediately. This signal from the PBV was to be repeated by the Indian coast wireless stations and then, after an arranged pause, one of the stations was to call up the PBV, break into plain language and say:—'Dry up, you bloody fool! You are reporting our own fleet!'

"After that there was to be complete silence to suggest someone had blundered. As the PBV's report indicated a substantial sized fleet, though not stating the range of possibility, we hoped the Japanese would react. So far as we could judge, they certainly did, as all the Japanese stations got very busy indeed.

"That was how we had to fight the war in 1943 and I can assure you we would have much preferred HAVING those dummy ships in fact and giving the little (—) a good kick in the guts."

Nood Nooz

The following is extracted from a recent issue of "The Naturalist," a magazine for all-interested in Physical Fitness, Hygiene, Diet, Sunbathing, and a Natural Healthy Life, and to mention those wormlike little creatures who like to pore over nude pictures in secret:—

"I hear of a strange naturist club in the Far East where the men members are Europeans and most of the women Chinese or Eurasian. This club is the Hong Kong Sunbathing Association which has been established (how little we know of the rest of the world) for sixteen years. The President, Mr. H.E. Langpart, told a press reporter recently that he believed there would be public nude bathing in Hong Kong within 25 years. As evidence he pointed to the ever-decreasing swimsuit, and said it would inevitably disappear altogether some day. I hope you're right, Mr. Langpart."

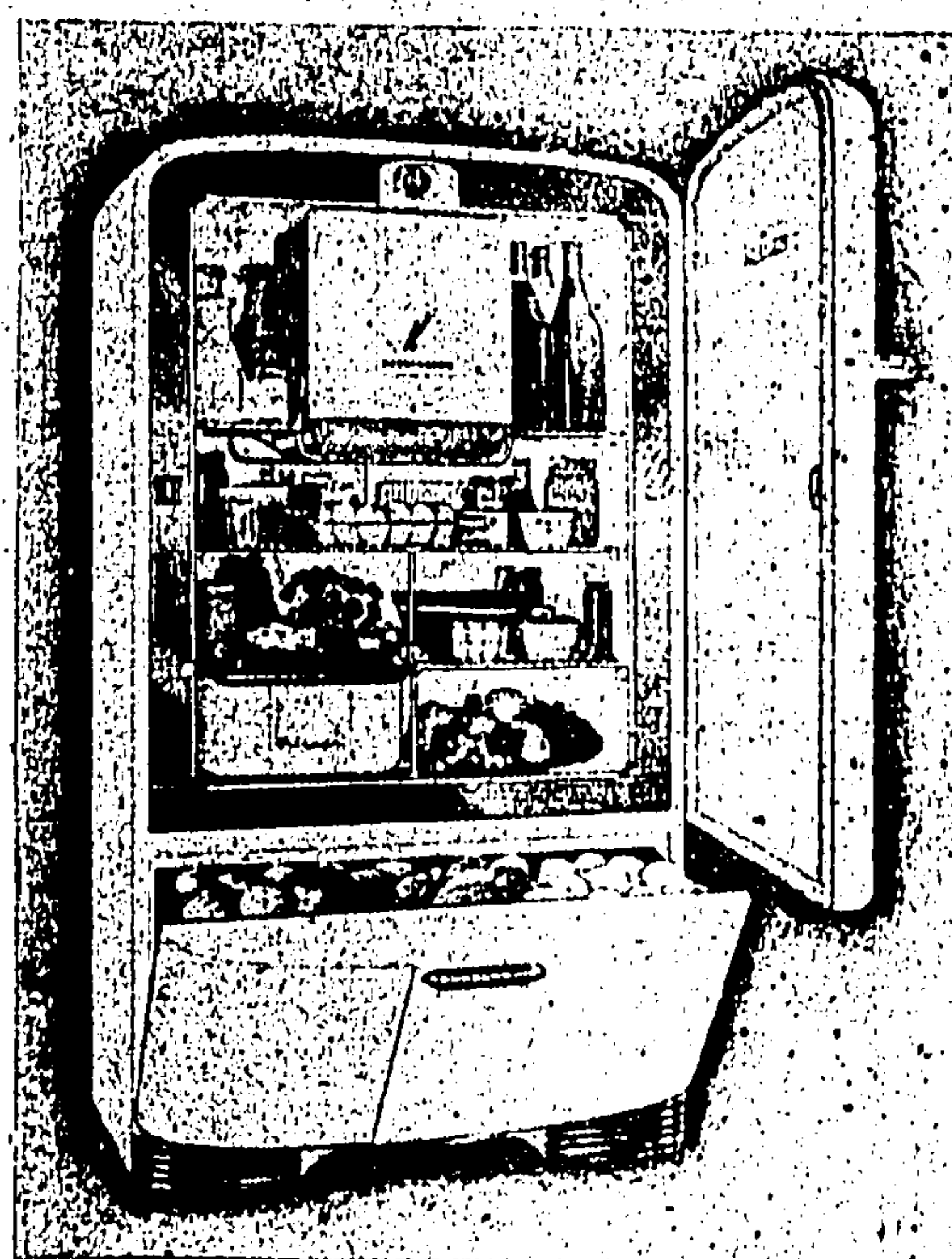
Peggy

Did you see that graceful picture in the paper the other day of Peggy Winterton, Britain's springboard-diving champion? It took me back to Calcutta, of all places. You see, I was, on a shore job there during the period between VE-Day and VJ-Day, and used to spend quite a lot of the time dictating local reports and what-have-you to a white battery of secretaries.

One of the brightest, and most attractive, of these was a Calcutta girl named Peggy Winterton. If I remember rightly, Peggy's father was of German origin and a naturalized British subject, and her mother was English. She was a tall, slim girl, with blonde hair and a beautifully tanned skin. Out of office hours, you would always find Peggy in one of two places—on the back of a horse, or some-where in or around the two pools of the Calcutta Swimming Club.

Then she went home, to get married. I don't know whether she did get married or not, but the next thing I heard was that Peggy, who had always seemed "rather good," you know, on a diving board, had walked right through all the opposition and come out as Britain's leading woman diver. Incidentally, Peggy was extremely short-sighted and when she wasn't in a swimsuit always wore glasses, but she was definitely the type that old Dorothy Parker couplet about men never making passes at girls who wear glasses, and Dorothy's enemy, who chimed in to say that the girl who bespectacled never got her necktied!

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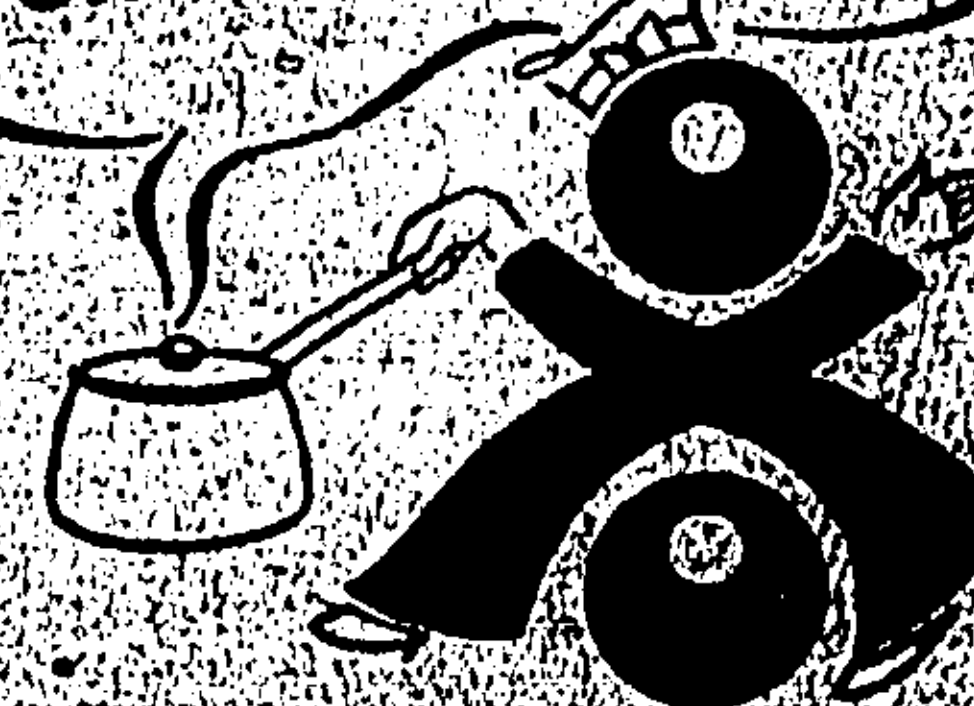
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EUROPEANS STRANDED IN DAIREN SINCE 1945

By Robert Burton

Shanghai, Mar. 19.
The United Nations preparatory commission of the International Refugees Organisation reveals that a group of at least 80 Europeans, one British family, one American and an undetermined number of White Russians have been stranded in the Russian-controlled port of Dairen since the end of the war, with little or no means of supporting themselves and no way to get out.

Mr. T. P. Cope, Shanghai director of the organisation, in an interview with the United Press, told of the plight of the Dairen group.
Those known to be in Dairen, according to letters received by the United Nations, include one American and his Japanese wife, one British family and "some" Italians, Germans, Poles, Hungarians, Greeks, Swiss and White Russians. It is safe to assume a great many are White Russians.

Letters from Dairen received by the organisation here all state that conditions are bad—the stranded people cannot support themselves because they have no jobs, and the extreme isolation of the port city makes work elsewhere impossible. Although none of the letters referred to starvation in Dairen, and Mr. Cope said he doubted conditions there are that bad, other sources in Shanghai have received letters through the same secret channels, saying the lives of those near starvation. The reason for the desperate plight given was that no jobs were obtainable.

Prostitution

Reports reaching here from other sources indicate that at least 30 German women and children were abandoned in Dairen when their husbands were whisked away after the war to Russia where their technical skills are needed. Those families have now reached the end of the rope and many women reportedly have been reduced to prostitution. In order for the United Nations to act on evacuation re-

quests, applicants must either be displaced persons or refugees. So far, Mr. Cope said, only five have been screened and passed by his organisation—a German family of three, one Austrian and one German. The status of the American and his Japanese wife has not yet been established and his name is being withheld pending further "arrangements."

Difficulties

Mr. Cope said much of the difficulty in getting out the stranded group stems from the fact that the United States is the only consulate in Dairen and little shipping from the port to anywhere other than Russia.

The impoverished colony could not pay for the passage even if ships from the outside world were available. They must have passports, landing visas, etc., which are unavailable in Dairen and many of the group were from countries the postwar status of which makes it nearly impossible to know how to handle.

Mr. Cope said, however, he had every reason to believe from past relationships here the Soviets would cooperate in the long run.—United Press.

Jet-Trainer Plane

London, Mar. 19.
A Gloster "Meteor VII," claimed to be the first jet-trainer plane in the world, flew its first test flight on Friday.
Test Pilot Bill Waterton reported that the flight was entirely satisfactory and the aircraft's performance was identical with that of the standard single-seater "Meteor IV" fighter.

Conversion from a fighter to a trainer required a slightly longer front fuselage.—Associated Press.

Child Marriage Crime

New Delhi, Mar. 19.
Free India will not tolerate grey-haired men, "with one foot in the grave," leading to the altar girls in their teens.

This is the purport of a bill introduced in the Indian Parliament by Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava. It prohibits men over 45 years marrying girls under 18.

Explaining the objects and reasons for the bill, Bhargava referred to "greedy and indolent parents and guardians bartering away the future happiness of their daughters, and warring for filthy lucre or other alluring prospects by marrying them to persons who in age might as well be their grandfathers."—Associated Press.

London Armed Robbery

London, Mar. 20.
Four holdup men robbed a London bullion broker's shop on Friday of an estimated £50,000 in gold.

Scotland Yard said the loot included five heavy gold bars, about 340 ounces of gold wire, and other pieces of gold metal. Ronald and Derek Knight, proprietors of J. S. Knight and Son, were talking to a customer when the quartet entered, attacked them, then fled with the gold.

U. Sherry, the customer, told the police he was driven into a corner and injured while trying to protect his face. The proprietors of the shop were given hospital treatment for head wounds.

The scene of the robbery was in central London in a district that is the nerve centre of a worldwide business in gold, silver and precious stones. Five employees of the firm were out to lunch when the robbers made their haul.

Police took charge of the premises which were closed until a thorough checkup could be made.—Associated Press.

Attack On Ashida

Tokyo, Mar. 18.
The new Democratic-Liberal Party plans to introduce a resolution in the Diet on Saturday demanding the dissolution of the Diet in an effort to cause the crash of the Ashida Cabinet, but it is doubted whether SCAP would approve of new elections.

Former Premier Shigeru Yoshida and other leaders of the Democratic-Liberal Party said the Ashida Government must go because it was "merely an extension of the Katayama Cabinet."—United Press.

BRITISH SUB'S FEAT

Port Edgar, Mar. 18.
The British submarine Ambush, which left Rosneath Bay last month for a scientific expedition in Arctic waters, arrived at Port Edgar in the Fifth of Forth.

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Successor To Jan Masaryk

Prague, Mar. 19.
Prague radio announced on Friday afternoon that Blado Clementis, a Communist, has been named Czechoslovak Foreign Minister to succeed the late Jan Masaryk.

Clementis, a 46 year old Slovak, had been Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. For several years he was Masaryk's Chief Assistant.

It was announced that the Office of Foreign Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs have been combined. Clementis, a lawyer, will carry out the functions of both.

The appointment was made four weeks after the beginning of the crisis which resulted in the Communist gaining complete control of the Czechoslovak Government.

Three weeks ago, President Eduard Benes swore in the new Cabinet, of which Masaryk was a member. Masaryk committed suicide by jumping from a window of the Czerin Palace on March 10.

Although he has been an energetic worker for Communist causes for many years, Clementis has many associations with Western nations. He speaks English and French fluently.

In 1935, he was a Communist Deputy representing a Slovak district in the Prague Parliament.

On the occupation of the country by the Germans he fled to Poland, Russia and ultimately reached France. There he was interned by the Daladier Government.

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But Mr. Gillett had considered the dog first and not Council and so for having built the kennel without a permit, he was fined £5, with costs the other day in the Glenside Police Court.

LABOUR DISPUTE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 19.
Management and labour delegates of the British-owned Shanghai Tramway Company will meet this afternoon at the Bureau of Social Affairs, where the terms of a proposed settlement will be discussed.

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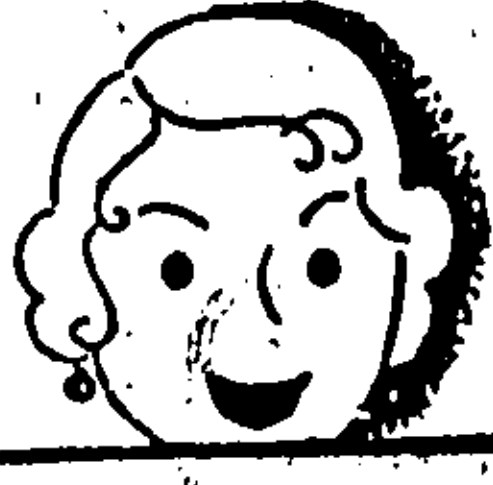


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ABLE SEAMAN



The First Throbbing Of Spring--Or Is It?

PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

Once a year I decide that it cannot go on any longer. I come to this conclusion after breakfast in the early days of March. It's probably the first throbbing of spring.

I lie stretched upon my simple palliasse and take inventory of my physical condition. I am not dangerously ill. That is, within an hour I shall be able to wash and dress unaided, and propel myself cautiously towards my work. But if I'm not dangerously ill I've certainly got everything else.

By everything else I refer to the following: migraines, agues and staggers.

I still have the headache which I contracted in 1927.

My eyes are filled with fine sand. Thin brown shapes pass across them from left to right, in the motions of a stately dance.

I have a mild sore throat.

My chest is filled with lead. I am the victim of a lassitude so pronounced that at times I am unable to rise from my chair to switch off Dick Barton.

Such is my normal fighting weight, I'm sure that a lot of other people over 21 feel much the same, but I am determined to do something about it.

I take myself round to the doctor. I have been 12 times already in the last 12 years so that I am familiar with the routine inquiry, but I still enjoy the conviction that some day some doctor will perceive in one of my replies the prime cause of my ills.

"Ah," he will say, "the room goes round anti-clockwise when you get up in the morning. Try this."

I will take the little pill and swallow it and suddenly I will be as vibrant again as the day when I used to be able to play mixed hockey.

We begin as we always do with a fresh page headed: "Patient—Campbell, P."

I tell the doctor I've had typhoid fever, scarlatina, mumps, croup, and flu.

"Croup?" he says.
"Croup," I tell him—"August, 1918."
He notes it down carefully. Croup, 1918, may turn out to be a valuable clue.

I describe my symptoms. The headache, the dancing shapes, the lead in the eyeball, the lead in the chest. He is interested in the lassitude which prevents me turning off Dick Barton in time, and asks one or two supplementary questions. I tell him that once the programme ran for nearly eight minutes before I was able to make the necessary move and he says: "So?" and writes that down too.

Then comes the examination. We struggle silently for a time with my shirt, the doctor pushing the spot of his stethoscope against any portion of flesh that may become temporarily exposed. In the end we decide, as we always do, that it will be easier if I take it off, and give him a clear run.

He advises me to breathe deeply and regularly through the mouth. As a matter of fact, I keep the breathing fairly light. If I reach down too deep into what I've got it'll blow his eardrums in.

Next, the test for blood-pressure, and here, for the first time, I betray signs of anxiety. I can take the stethoscope any

time, rain or shine, but the blood-pressure test always makes me think my heart is going to burst.

He wraps the bandage round my arm, and pumps the bulb. The constriction sets in. I can feel the hot thin blood pounding like a hammer in my veins. Just as the room is beginning to go round, clockwise, he opens the valve and allows the blood to escape into other parts of the body.

"Nothing wrong there," he says, tabulating one more fact in his encyclopaedic mind.

He produces a thing like an electric torch, and tells me to look straight at the corner of the room. He doesn't have to tell me to look straight into the corner of the room. I know all about this routine already. In fact, probably one of the best lookers straight into the corner of the room on anyone's panel. No peeking at the bulb for me.

He examines both eyes from a range of about 11in., possible looking for sand. He puts his torch away. "Nothing to worry about there," he tells me.

In this he is wrong. The sudden transition from light to darkness has driven my spots into a frenzy. For a moment I see the doctor's face through a haze of leaping mice, and then everything settles down again.

Finally he tests my reflexes. Out comes the little hammer. He taps me below the knee, and nothing happens. He does it again, and suddenly my foot shoots up, nearly catching him under the chin. I should have warned him about this in advance. I always have delayed action in my reflexes, but when they work it's like the kick of a mule.

"Well," he says, when I am dressed, "nothing wrong with you that a little bottle won't fix."

He writes the prescription but already I know that I am beaten. I have lost again, for the 19th time. The bottle will be a mild digestive lasting of peppermint, nothing like the elixir that my constitution needs. I thank the doctor politely, and go.

Of course, the trouble is that I know the cure myself. What my constitution needs is less of what it's getting. If I were to go and live on top of a mountain in a pair of shorts, and eat grass, everything would clear itself up within a week. But under those circumstances it might not be possible for me to retain control of my mind.

I come to the conclusion that I have come to 12 times before. It's better to have lassitude and leaping mice than a strait-jacket and a platter of mixed vegetables pushed through the hatch three times a day.

PROFILE

Of The Most Important City In The World

"Welcome to Washington, the World's Greatest National Capital," says a printed notice glued to the glass-topped dressing-table in your hotel bedroom when you arrive here.

And if you are not American you may wonder at first what they mean by "greatest."

Certainly Washington isn't the world's biggest national capital, or the most beautiful, or the oldest, or the most cultivated, or the smartest, or the most historic. But it will probably take you only a couple of days to reach the conclusion that, here and now in 1948, this is the world's busiest capital, and almost certainly the most important.

You can find here the world's greatest concentration of committees, speeches, Press conferences, handshakes, official reports, Civil Service commentators, and political cocktail parties.

Here the world's highest sums of money are being dealt with. From here the world's richest country is being steered through a period of dizzy, almost reckless, prosperity.

Behind The Calm . . .

In these far-flung Government offices world-wide schemes such as the Marshall Plan are being worked out.

Very little shows outwardly. Washington seems calmer, flatter, quieter, slower, more spacious than most American cities.

There are streets of gracious, English-looking houses over a century old. There are the usual corner drug stores, with rows of people perched on stools waiting for their turn in the coldest weather.

As elsewhere in America the houses are overhated, the women wear wonderful fur coats, mad hats, and goldfishes, the streets are clogged with beautiful cars, the newspapers are the size of a full-length novel.

There is nothing visibly stupendous about the place—no outward sign of the American passion for superlatives. There are not even any skyscrapers, because nothing is allowed to top the dome of the Capitol.

It is in the invisible, impalpable business of Government that records are being broken. Washington has a one-track mind—a mind devoted exclusively to Government. There is no other industry here. The city's life is crisscrossed and hurried by Government. And the basis of it becomes daily simpler.

It is a strange, exciting atmosphere of things being done on an unimaginably vast scale. There is a genuine consciousness of history in the thinking of the Government. The city's life is crisscrossed and hurried by Government. And the basis of it becomes daily simpler.

They are not pleased at having to deal with the entire globe. It is only too obvious that much of the rest of the world seems to them a nuisance whose troubles and indiscretions are perpetually interfering with America's progress and prosperity. But the unhappy necessity has been faced. And since it has been faced, it is being done on the grand scale.

You find your superlatives in the never-ending flood of spoken and written words in the incredible multiplicity of offices, in the fantastic consumption of paper, in a volume of business so vast that the ticker-machines can scarcely record it fast enough.

The Billions

The Marshall Plan already has a literature that would fill a good-sized bookcase. Hand-outs, memoranda, statements flow round

By

ALEXANDER CLIFFORD

the city from dawn to dusk.

Banquets and conventions fill the hotels with vehement speeches. Anyone can give a Press conference on any subject and be sure of a good attendance—some of the best, recently invited the Press to meet a man who, when the Press showed up, turned out to have been dead 200 years.

The sums of money bandied about in Washington are today so colossal that they scarcely have real meaning. Nothing short of a billion dollars will cause any stir at all.

The Marshall Plan is small change compared with some of the projects this Government has in hand.

Often the thoughts on the ticker machines make you feel you are in some Balkan country during an inflation period. But these are real, good American dollars—hard work. Washington is full of people who hurry to their offices at 8.30 in the morning, snatch a sandwich lunch on their desks, and get home late for dinner. And if you look by the ticker-tape, the city's life is crisscrossed and hurried by Government. And the basis of it becomes daily simpler.

has asked for an appropriation of \$100,000,000. The President has prepared a statement. "The President has ordered."

You get the impression of a dictator working a 48-hour day. And then you find that Truman isn't even powerful enough to build a small balcony on to the White House without arousing a national outcry.

The Grotesques

It is all part of the cockeyed whirl of Washington—the paradoxes and contradictions and anomalies—the unconvincing and often apparently grotesque details which build up into this fabulously big and rich and powerful process of Government.

You meet these unconvincing contradictions at every turn. You are introduced to a senator who looks so like a Hollywood caricature of himself that you wonder how he can possibly be entrusted with the Government.

You find an enlightened conversation about Europe suddenly pushed completely askew by an irrelevant cross-current such as the Presidential election.

You hear of great enterprises being apparently deliberately sabotaged for the sake of internal politics. There is always some Congress committee engaged in investigating gigantic administrative scandals of the past.

Almost the biggest contradiction is Washington itself. For beneath the frenzy of Government it is a city without a soul. In a sense it is not a city at all, but a national transit camp. It is not officially conceived as having a life of its own. (It is probably the world's only national capital without an opera house, which somehow seems significant.)

And It All Works

It is, apparently, not even thought of as having permanent inhabitants. Its natives are disfranchised people with no right to vote for anyone or anything. The Federal capital, in fact, perpetuates the very abuses which led America to rebel against England—"taxation without representation."

And yet the whole thing works. There is something really magnificent and inspiring about the way America can take so much muddle and childishness and "corruption" and still produce stupendous results. It is a strange, exciting atmosphere of things being done on an unimaginably vast scale. There is a genuine consciousness of history in the thinking of the Government. The city's life is crisscrossed and hurried by Government. And the basis of it becomes daily simpler.

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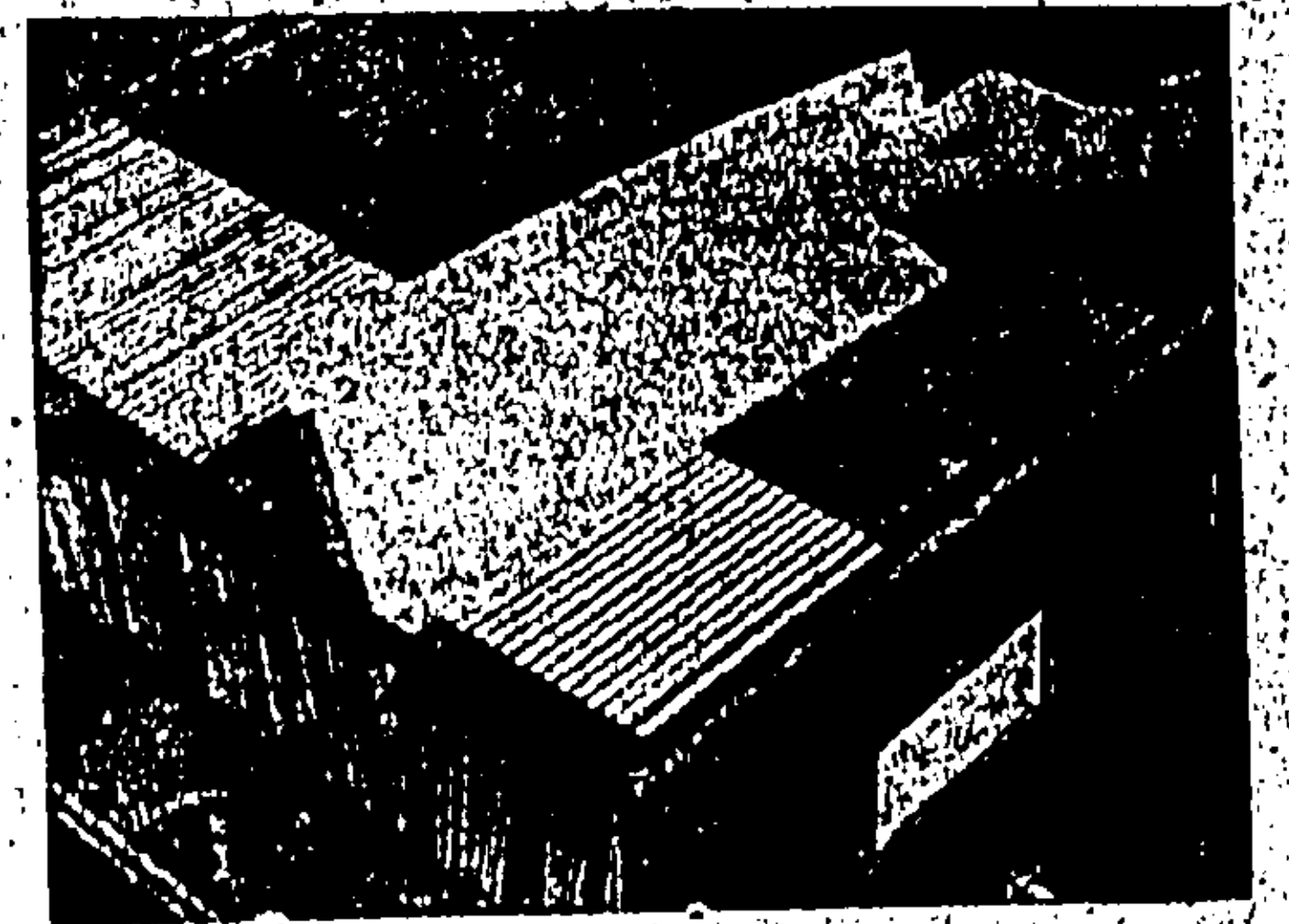
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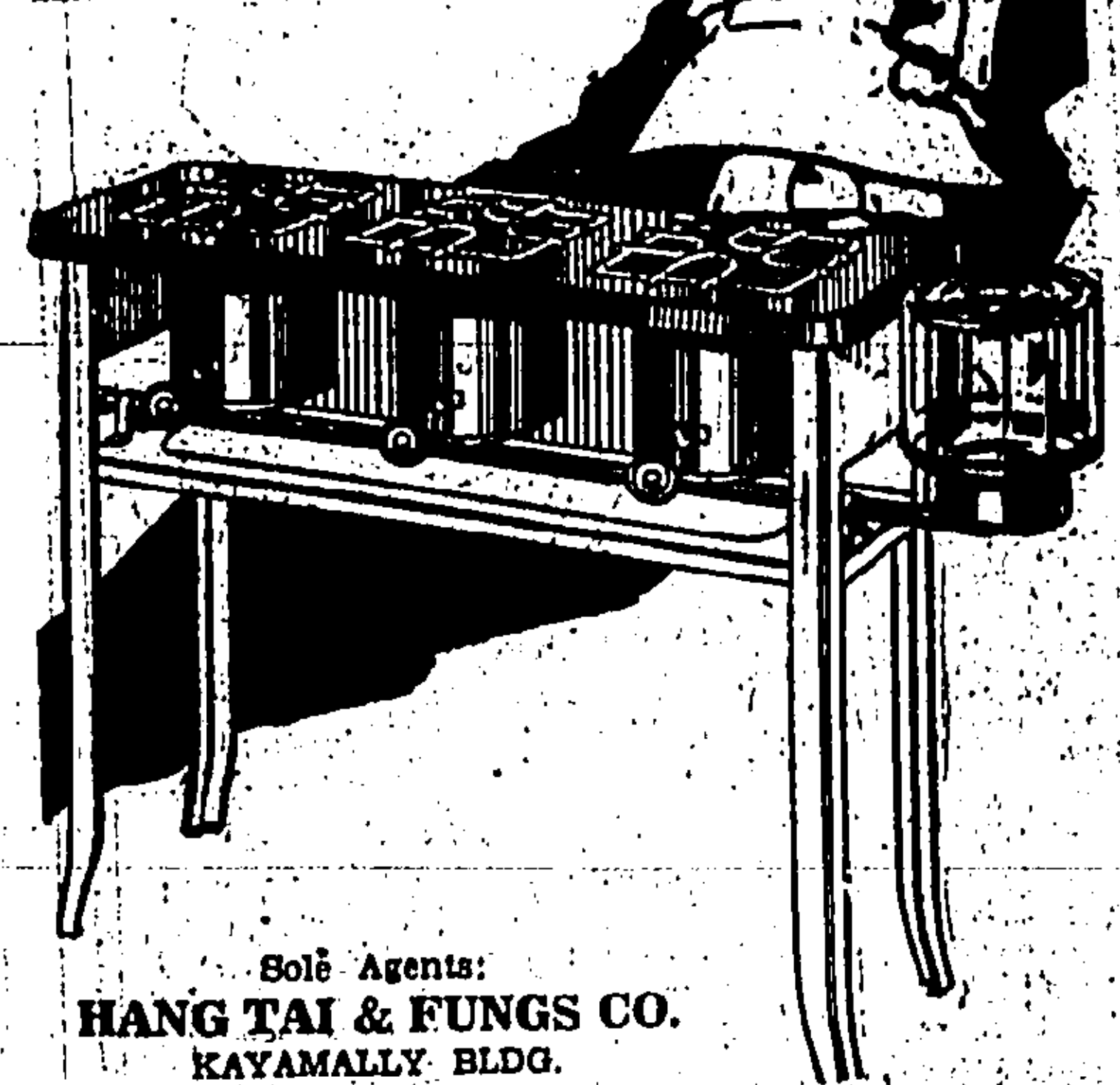
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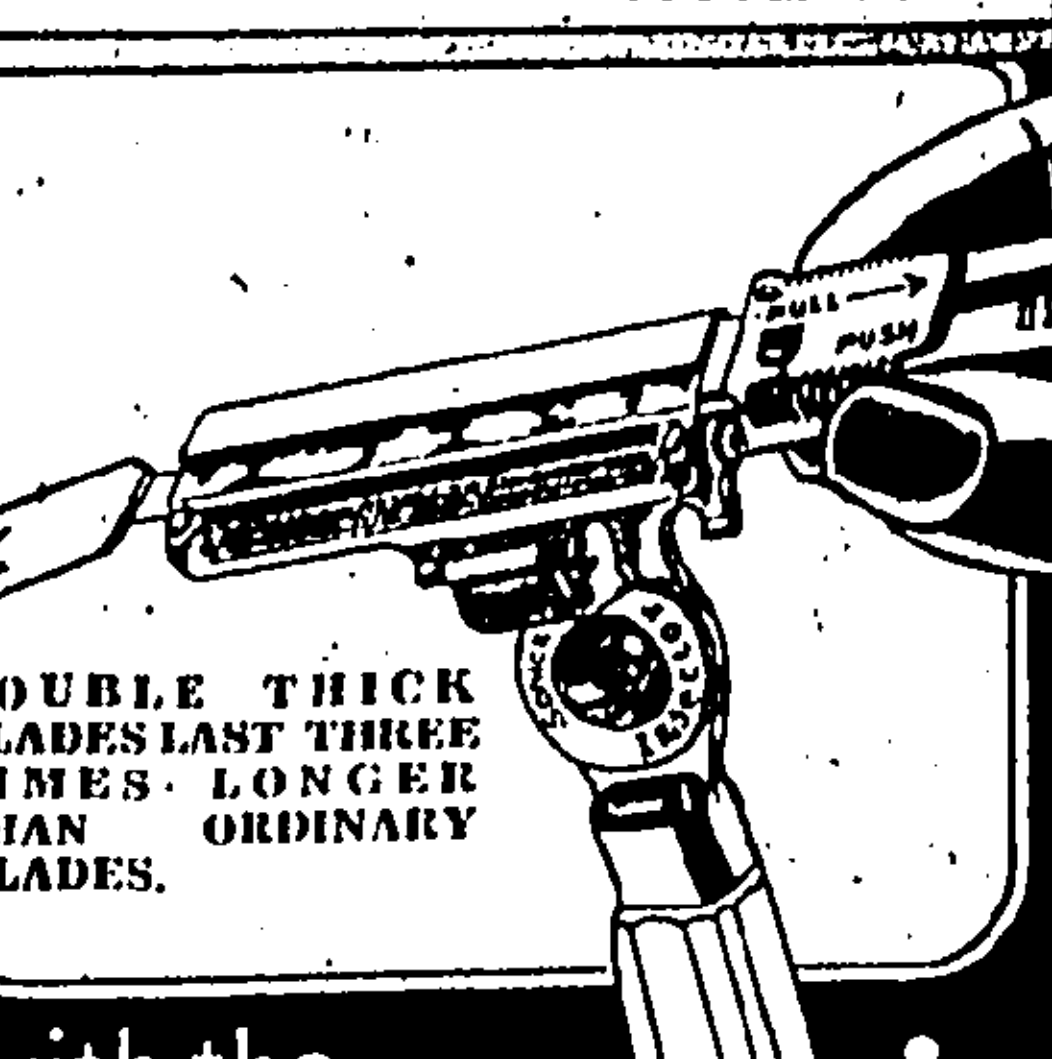
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Palestine Partition Debate

America Withdraws Support, Suggests A Temporary Trusteeship Attempt To Prevent More Bloodshed

Lake Success, Mar. 19.

American support for the General Assembly partition proposals for Palestine has been withdrawn and a temporary trusteeship regime for the whole of Palestine is proposed, the United States delegation to the United Nations officially announced tonight.

The American statement was made during a "Big Four" meeting at which Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain) was present. If the Security Council adopts the United States proposal a special session of the General Assembly will have to be called to reconsider the whole Palestine problem.

China and France indicated that they will support the United States proposal. M. Andrei Gromyko (Russia) said: "It is in striking contradiction with the General Assembly's resolution, but I cannot give direct or indirect consent until I have further instructions."

Here are the three main points which Mr. Warren Austin, the United States delegate, will propose to the Security Council:—
First—"The plan proposed by the General Assembly is an integral plan which cannot succeed unless each of its parts can be carried out. There seems to be a general agreement that the plan cannot now be implemented by peaceful means."
Second—"We believe that further steps must be taken immediately not only to maintain peace, but also to afford a further opportunity to reach agreement between the interested parties regarding a future government of Palestine."

"To this end, we believe that a temporary trusteeship for Palestine should be established under the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations. Such a trusteeship, if it is to be without prejudice to the rights, claims or position of the parties concerned, or to the character of the eventual political settlement which we hope can be achieved without a long delay."
"In our opinion, the Security Council should recommend the establishment of such a trusteeship to the General Assembly and to the mandatory power. This would require an immediate special session of the General Assembly, which the Security Council should request the Secretary General to convene under Article 20 of the Charter."

Third—"Pending a meeting of the proposed special session of the General Assembly, we believe the Security Council should instruct the Palestine Commission to suspend its efforts to implement the proposed partition plan."

Gromyko Objects
M. Gromyko objected to that part of Mr. Austin's statement which said that there "seems to be general agreement that the partition plan could not now be implemented by peaceful means."

M. Gromyko said there was no general agreement on the part of his delegation.
Dr. T. F. Tsang (China) said it was evident that no solution could be found agreeable to both parties and that a continuation of the situation might lead to war. The United Nations had no right to sponsor such a scheme if it could lead to war.

M. Alexandre Parodi (France) said that the United States proposal was in line with the general thinking of his Government. The plan should be studied particularly in its legal aspects, he said, adding that he required time for instructions.

The Secretary General of the United Nations, Dr. Trygve Lie, reminded the others that the question of a trusteeship for Palestine was discussed originally by the Special Committee on Palestine, but that the idea was eventually dropped because U.N.S.C.O.P. thought trusteeship would be opposed by both sides, and the United Nations would thus require larger forces to enforce a settlement.
Dr. Trygve Lie said he was obliged to ask whether, if the United States proposal were put into effect, the big powers were prepared to see it carried through.

Mr. Austin
Mr. Austin replied that the United States was ready to back up any United Nations decision. Mr. Austin told the Security Council when it resumed the Palestine debate, "In the light of the information now available in Washington and heavy fighting in Palestine."
"The United Nations cannot permit such a result. The loss of life in the Holy Land must be brought to an immediate end and the maintenance of international peace and the Charter of the United Nations must be preserved."

"Shameful Proposal"

Moscow, Mar. 19.

"Favda's" Berlin correspondent said today that the Western Powers, proposed to open hostilities in Berlin for occupying troops but the Soviet representatives "rejected with indignation this shameful proposal."
The correspondent did not reveal details or specify which Western commander offered the proposal; he referred to it in connection with the United States request for a United States Service for the Allies and Germans which was turned down by the Russians.—
United Press.

able responsibility as well as a full authority to take the steps necessary to bring about a cease-fire in Palestine and a halt to the incursions being made into that country.

"Stop The Fighting"
"The powers of Articles 39, 40, 41 and 42 are very great and the Council should not hesitate to use them—all of them if necessary to stop the fighting."

"Pending a meeting of the General Assembly, we believe that the Security Council should instruct the Palestine Commission to suspend its efforts to implement the proposed partition plan. A draft resolution which would give effect to the above suggestions will be circulated shortly or the consideration of the Security Council."

Arab Comment
Faris Al Khoury (Syria) declared that the Arabs were convinced that the partition plan, and any activity in the way of implementing it, were the real causes of the acts of violence occurring in Palestine.

The Jews, he said, were receiving monthly 1,500 new immigrants, said to be legal, besides large numbers introduced into Palestine secretly, fully armed.
The Jews were also receiving an accumulation of all sorts on a large scale, from all over the world, while the Arabs were deprived of those privileges.
He called on the Council to tell the Palestine Commission that it had no legal right to administer Palestine, as such a right could only be given to the Trusteeship Council.—
Reuter.

DELEGATES IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 19.

South China delegates to the National Assembly were held at the National Assembly, convened for March 29.
Meanwhile, it is reported that Assembly delegates have started gathering at the Assembly auditorium in Nanjing, with over 30 from various parts of the country recording their names.—
Reuter.

RED THREAT TO ISLANDS

Manila, Mar. 19.

Dr. Jose P. Laurel, head of the wartime Philippine Government, warned today that Communism will become a "serious threat" to the Philippines if the United States policy fails to establish democratic institutions in the Far East.
Dr. Laurel, who is consistently mentioned as President Roosevelt's strongest opponent in the 1949 Presidential elections, said that, contrary to some allegations, "I have never been and am not anti-American or anti-foreign."—
Reuter.

P.I. AMNESTY

Manila, Mar. 17.

The benefits of the Presidential amnesty proclamation do not extend to cases of aliens who rendered services for the Japanese during the war.
Judge Rafael Dinglasan of the Deportation Board ruled today.
The ruling was made in the case of eight Chinese respondents who were deported to the Philippines during the war.

Strife In Palestine

Jerusalem, Mar. 19.
Arabs killed six British soldiers and 15 Jews in two attacks on Jewish convoys in Palestine yesterday, while five Jews were missing.
(Arab sources in Beirut claimed that 25 Jews riding in a truck were killed in the Majdal battle and the armoured car protecting the truck destroyed. They also claimed that another Jewish armoured car was destroyed near Beit Ajan and the Hagannah crew killed. They further claimed that eight Hagannah guards were killed in the destruction of two armoured cars near Acre.)

"Poor View"

A Jewish Agency spokesman denied reports that Hagannah was preventing American Jews from leaving Palestine, but acknowledged that the Agency "took a poor view" of those who want to go home.

Meanwhile, both the Arabs and Jews blamed the British Government today for "doubt dealing" in connection with the disposal of Army property, camps and aerodromes.

The British claimed they sold to the highest bidder and usually sold equipment in Arab areas to Arabs and in Jewish areas to Jews, following the partition principle.

The Jews charged they were forced to pay big sums while the Arabs' equipment was being sold for "a penny a dozen."—
United Press.

Welcomed As Traders, Not Enemies

Copenhagen, Mar. 19.

The Danish Communist leader, M. Axel Larsen, told Reuter today that he had recently received a large number of letters from Danes threatening to shoot or hang him.
They were from Danes who were deeply disturbed by the recent European events and believed M. Larsen to be planning a Communist coup in Denmark.
M. Larsen said today: "I would welcome the Russians if they came to Denmark as a trade delegation to buy Danish goods, but not as enemies."—
Reuter.

QUEEN IN NORTH

Newcastle, Mar. 18.

Her Majesty the Queen toured Newcastle-on-Tyne today in a 10-mile ride by car. She visited the Woodland Crescent Day Nursery, the Kenyon Hall, Home for Old Ladies, and the Central Youth Club and cafe of Northumberland and the Tyne-side Association of girls clubs and mixed clubs in St. Mary's Place.

She passed through several pre-war and post-war housing estates where thousands of school-children had assembled at eight points to cheer her as she passed.—
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ON THE "STRATHNAVER"

Wing Commander Alfred Marsack, Government's Public Relations Officer, since September last year is leaving Hong Kong today aboard the "Strathnaver." W/Cdr. Marsack has resigned from Government service on the grounds of ill health and is returning to his home in the Middle East for medical treatment. He has a mother and brother in Cairo. A New Zealander born in Auckland, W/Cdr. Marsack is the son of a Physician and Surgeon. After his education in England and New Zealand he joined the R.A.F. in 1930 and was posted to Egypt, in 1934 and commanded the detachment of 45 (B) Squadron carrying out the occupation of Jebel Oweinat at the frontiers of Sudan, Egypt and Libya arising out of the frontier demarcation dispute with Italy. This, incidentally, constituted the first land occupation in the history of the R.A.F.

W/Cdr. Marsack has specialised in the study of Arab affairs and in June 1938 was awarded the M.B.E. for Public and Operational work in the Arab Protectorate. In 1937 he was appointed to Air Intelligence Headquarters in the Sudan Defence Force and became a Special Service officer at the outbreak of the Palestine disturbances in 1936. In 1941 he was responsible for organising and directing the Near East Broadcasting Station in Palestine, became Middle East Arabic Officer to the B.I.C. two years later and in 1945 was Middle East Director to the B.I.C. He was also awarded the Order of Renaissance by the Union of Transjordan in 1943 and the Order of Merit by the President of the Republic of Syria in 1946.

ANOTHER SCHOOL PROJECT

A new school, capable of accommodating 120 pupils, is due to open in Hong Kong during the first week in April. The premises are a large demolished house in Chatham Path, May Road, which has been rehabilitated for the purpose. Principal in charge will be Mrs. W. H. Latimer, and chief trustee is Mr. Raymond Chiang, relative of Admiral Sir Chuan Chak, ex Mayor of Canton. Mr. Chiang and an associate have already spent \$48,000 on renovations while interior fittings and school equipment are expected to run into several thousand more. Children of all nationalities will be admitted to the school-to be known as the "Chatham English School"-providing they can speak English, as lessons will be given in this language.

Six of the building's rooms have been approved by the local Education

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury

Department officials to be used as classrooms. However, when completed at the end of the month the school will have a total of twelve rooms. Three English teachers have already been appointed as part of the school staff and it is planned to engage at least six more graduates from the Hong Kong University.



W/Cdr. Alfred Marsack
Returning to the Middle East.

Mrs. Latimer said yesterday: "Apart from 'ordinary' subjects, pupils will be able to specialise in French, German, Latin, Cantonese, Mandarin, Art and English Literature and if they wish for personal tutoring or coaching it will be arranged. "We also intend to have special vocational lectures given to pupils with a view to imparting practical information on various professions."

As Principal of the school, Mrs. Latimer will also teach advanced English to the senior classes. This will not be her first experience of teaching. Before the war she spent two years in American lecturing and all over the country on English subjects and also spoke at Women's Clubs on Interior Decorating and Psychology. During the war she held several official appointments in Services, including forming a unit in the A.T.S. Clerical Company in Britain and was a Ministry of Aircraft Production Welfare Officer. Just after the end of the war Mrs. Latimer commanded the UNRRA flying squad mobile medical inoculation unit which went to Germany and was responsible for inoculations of the whole of the northern part of the country, from Hanover to Flensburg, on the Danish border. The unit completed its work in the Isle of Sylt-famous German sea-plane base.

FROM PALESTINE

Abroad the "Strathnaver" from England this week arrived Mr. E. Cluny, Palestine Police Officer since 1939 who has now been transferred to the Hong Kong Police Force. Aged 29, and holding the rank of Superintendent, Mr. Cluny left Palestine in June last and spent eight months leave in England before sailing for the Colony. He is

taking over the Eastern (Wanchai) Division from Superintendent Haig-Brown who is being transferred to Headquarters as a Staff Officer. For two years before leaving Palestine Mr. Cluny held the post of a principal assistant to the Inspector General of Police in Jerusalem, handling all important legal cases. Asked about leaving that troubled place they call the Holy Land for the comparative calm of Hong Kong, Mr. Cluny said: "Although I have left many close friends behind in Palestine I am looking forward immensely to my new life here."

INCREASED SERVICE

It has been announced that from tomorrow, Hong Kong Airways, Ltd. will increase their service between the Colony and Canton to four times daily. Reason is the tremendous demand for seats that has been experienced since the scheduled flights were first inaugurated by this Company on January 10th. An official said yesterday: "Since that time our service has carried altogether about 370 passengers a week both ways. Last week every plane was fully booked, upwards and downwards. Aircraft used on this service are 21-seater D. C. 3's, which have been fitted with luxurious and comfortable interior facilities. European hostesses are on board the craft and courteous conversation is provided between the airports and town centres." Many Chinese and European businessmen are frequent travellers on the route and usually make the return trip the same day.

Actual flying time between Hong Kong and Canton is 23 minutes and from the time passengers step into the aircraft and disembark at their destination is reckoned at between 40 and 50 minutes.

CAROL ROTELIO DESCRIBES

From Canada this week comes news of fourteen-year-old Carol Rotelio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Rotelio, of Hong Kong. Carol has gone to live with her aunt and uncle in Ottawa and is going to school there. She was recently interviewed by the Ottawa Press for her



Mr. Raymond Chiang,
who is financing the Chatham Road School.

experiences in Hong Kong under Japanese occupation. She told them: "Probably no one will believe stories I have to tell about Hong Kong. But they really happened and now it seems like a movie or something."

I have read. For instance, if we were walking down the street and the Japanese soldiers told us to sit down on the sidewalk we had to do it. If we refused they would kick us. It used to make me sick to see all the ladies lying around, but after a while I learned to step over them just the way the others did." Commented the newspaper: "It seemed incredible to hear this soft-spoken, gentle girl speaking of the horrible sights she had witnessed—heads 'chopped off, Chinese being shot down in the streets, friends tortured at the whim of conquerors."

BRITISH COUNCIL TRIP

On his way back to Peking after a six months visit to London is Professor C. J. Shen of the Institute of Zoology, National Academy of Peking. The Professor left Hong Kong on Wednesday by the "Sheng King" after breaking his journey here for 11 days. During his visit to England, where he was the guest of the British Council, Professor Shen made contact with British zoologists and compiled information on their recent advances and projects of research in various fields, particularly that of animal breeding, animal camouflage and fisheries. Professor Shen spent one month at Plymouth where he did some experimental

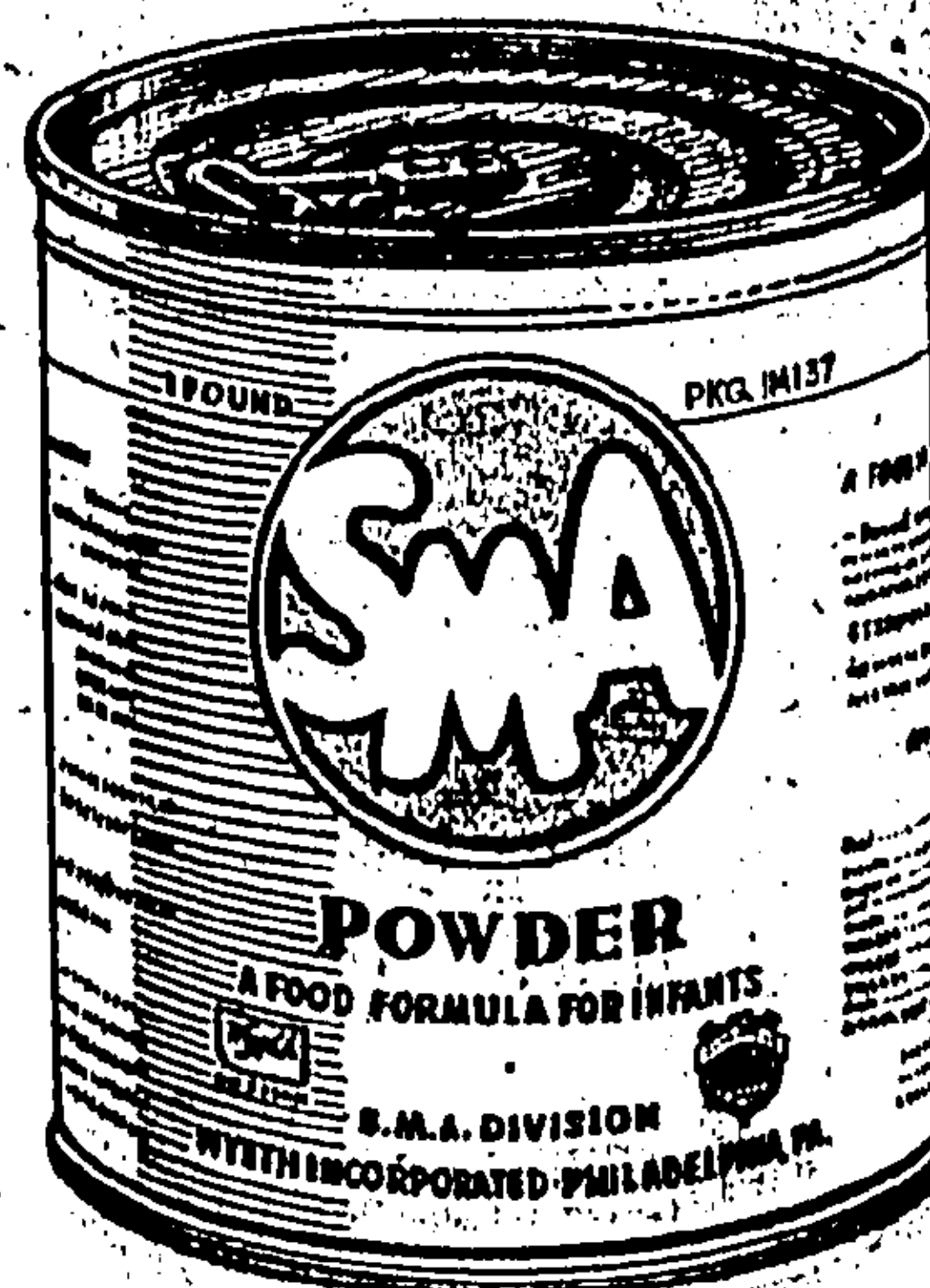


Mrs. W. H. Latimer, to be Principal of the new School.

work on colour changes of Decapod Crustacea (ten footed hard-shelled animals) at the Marine Biological Laboratory and then travelled to various cities in England, Scotland and Wales visiting leading zoologists' institutions. He also stayed in Paris for one month at the invitation of UNESCO, said Professor Shen: "My visit was very satisfactory, profitable and pleasant. I will take back to North China memories of all that impressed me in the U.K. and pass them on to my own people with a view to tying together the threads connecting British and Chinese intellectual life and cementing Anglo-Chinese friendship and cultural relations."

RETURNING TO MALAYA

After spending their leave in Hong Kong and staying at the Church Guest House, the Rev. Kenneth J. Till, Deputy Asst. Chaplain General in Malaya, and Mrs. Till will sail today for Singapore. The Rev. Till served during the war with the First Army in North Africa and also in Italy. Mrs. Till was in the A.T.S. during the war and was demobilised in 1945 with the rank of Senior Commander.



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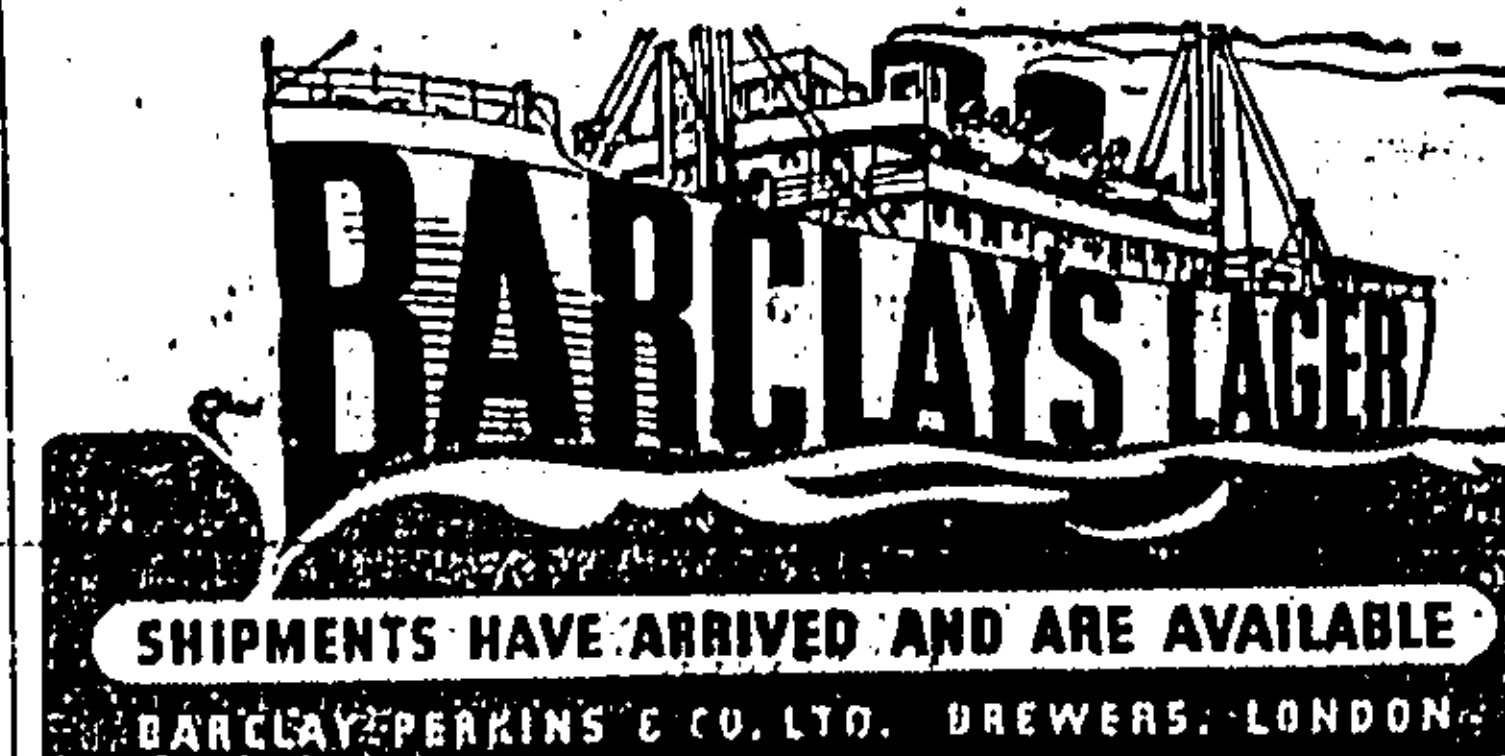
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MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By ATTICUS

Rumours about Lord Ismay's future employment can, I think, be safely scooped—for the time being at any rate. In spite of his gruelling experience in India and in the United Nations Organisation, he looks remarkably fit, and it is difficult to believe that so willing and experienced a war-horse will be content to remain idle for long.

But for some months he will not be available, for he has undertaken a task which he regards as a labour of love. Closest of all V.I.P.s to Mr. Churchill, he is now helping that great man in the completion of his memoirs.

Mr. Churchill's methods of writing are well known. He dictates, and what he dictates is typed on paper with wide margins. He then rewrites, and refashions the material with his own hand.

A General Staff

His war memoirs require a rather more elaborate technique. Facts have to be checked, and for this purpose he employs a miniature general staff. During Lord Ismay's absence in India he has made use of the services of General Sir Henry Pownall, Commander Allen, R. N., and Colonel Draklin, the former Oxford history don, who played an important role in Jugoslavia during the war. Lord Ismay, who has a unique knowledge of Whitehall and who accompanied both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden on many of their military adventures, should be in invaluable whole-time acquisition.

I believe that I am correct in saying that Mr. Churchill began his memoirs in the aeroplane that was taking him to Holland soon after the war.

At different times during the past twenty years I saw a good deal of the late Mr. Churchill. When he was in the habit of writing, he would sit at his desk and the pen would be in his hand. The Princess, a great social worker and has travelled extensively in the service of the Red Cross (Croix) to Russia, Britain, Sweden, France and the United States to study Red Cross methods. When he returned from the United States he was met by Mr. Churchill and the pen was in his hand. The Princess, a great social worker and has travelled extensively in the service of the Red Cross (Croix) to Russia, Britain, Sweden, France and the United States to study Red Cross methods. When he returned from the United States he was met by Mr. Churchill and the pen was in his hand.

and distinguished war record had convinced him that war settled nothing and brought fresh troubles in its train. He looked a delicate man, lived simply and, indeed, mortified the flesh. I remember him coming back from a cure on which he had lived for some weeks on a diet of orange juice. It was then harder than ever to believe that he was the brother of an English international "rugger" forward.

"His death leaves 'The Times' with a difficult problem. During the past few days (mourning has been very busy with the name of his successor, and has covered a wide range of possible candidates, including University dons. My own belief is that the proprietors of 'The Times'—Colonel J. J. Astor and Mr. John Walter—will not go outside Priming House Square for their choice, and that the new occupant of the editorial chair will be Mr. E. C. Casey, the present deputy editor, under whom a younger man would probably be trained up."

"Buy Persian"

A Persian friend tells me that Princess Ashraf, the beautiful twin sister of the Shah of Persia, has a valuable new silver-blue mink coat. It has a history.

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next day his newspaper carried the following announcement on its front page:

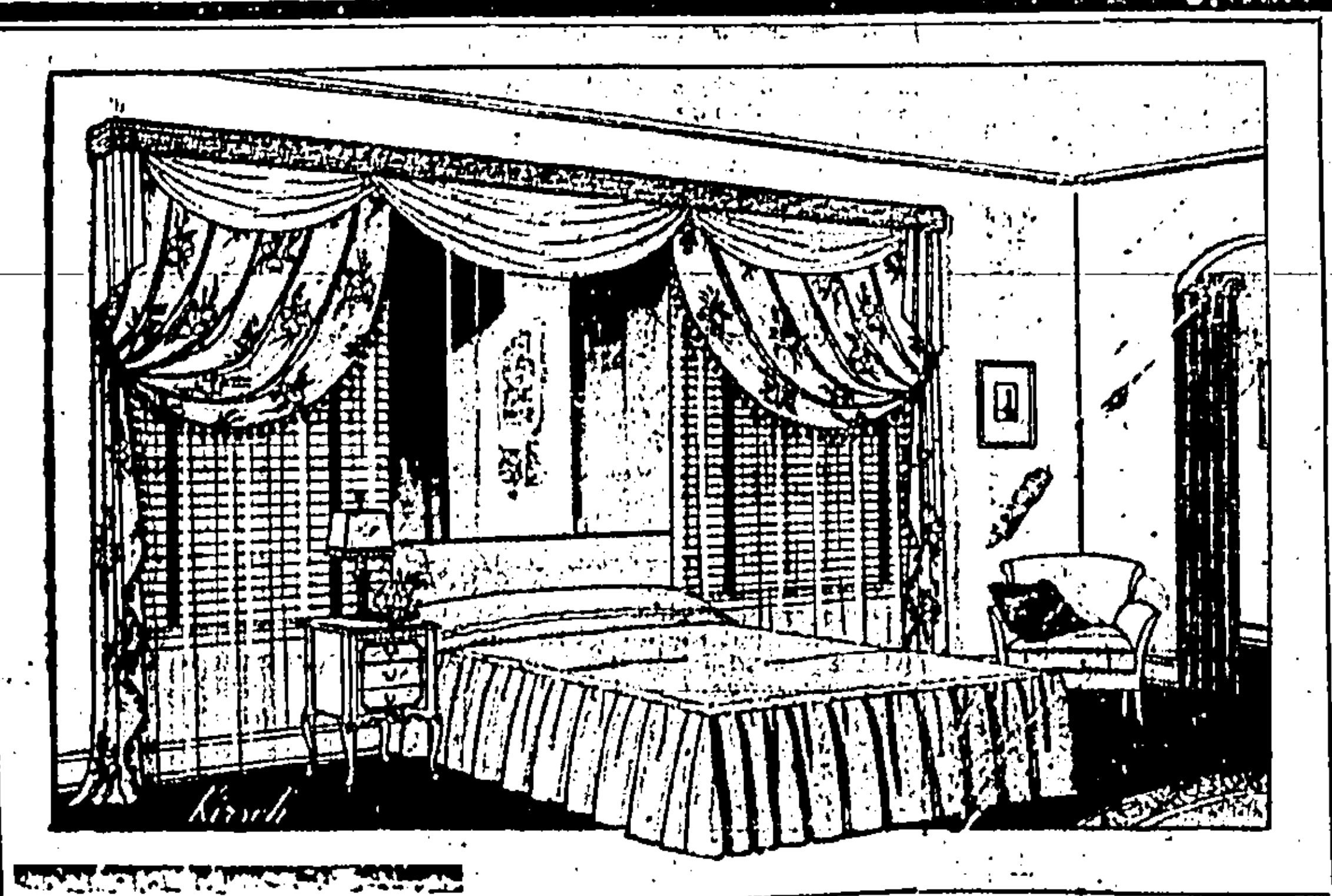
"Princess Ashraf's precious coat was a present from Marshal Stalin, given to her during her visit to Russia last year, and altered to her special requirements during her recent trip to the United States."

A Longwood Frame

I learn that a picture of both historic and philatelic interest is likely to come into the market soon. It is the property of Sir Spencer Davis, Governor of St. Helena from 1932 to 1937, and is copy of an ikon of St. Helena in the Chapel of St. Helena in the precincts of the Holy Sepulchre. It was a present from Damianos, the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Churches in Palestine, when His Beatitude learned of Sir Spencer's appointment to the island. The mahogany frame was made from fragments of a bookcase which was used by Napoleon during his detention on the island. The picture is also the original of the 24. 6d. denomination of the St. Helena postage stamp issued in 1934 to commemorate the centenary of the transfer of the administration of the island from the East India Company to the Colonial Office.

Mightier Than Muscle

The East India and Sports Club, where the English Rugby XV (v.a.s.) was selected, is acquiring a new and unexpected reputation. "One day the day when it was the home of lions both roaring and snuffing, and when a man's prowess was judged by the strength of his forearm and the grey hairs of his head, today there is a new breed of men, with bulging foreheads and a thoughtful look in their eyes, and they are called the club 'big boys' which it has never reached before. It is a new breed of men, with bulging foreheads and a thoughtful look in their eyes, and they are called the club 'big boys' which it has never reached before. It is a new breed of men, with bulging foreheads and a thoughtful look in their eyes, and they are called the club 'big boys' which it has never reached before."



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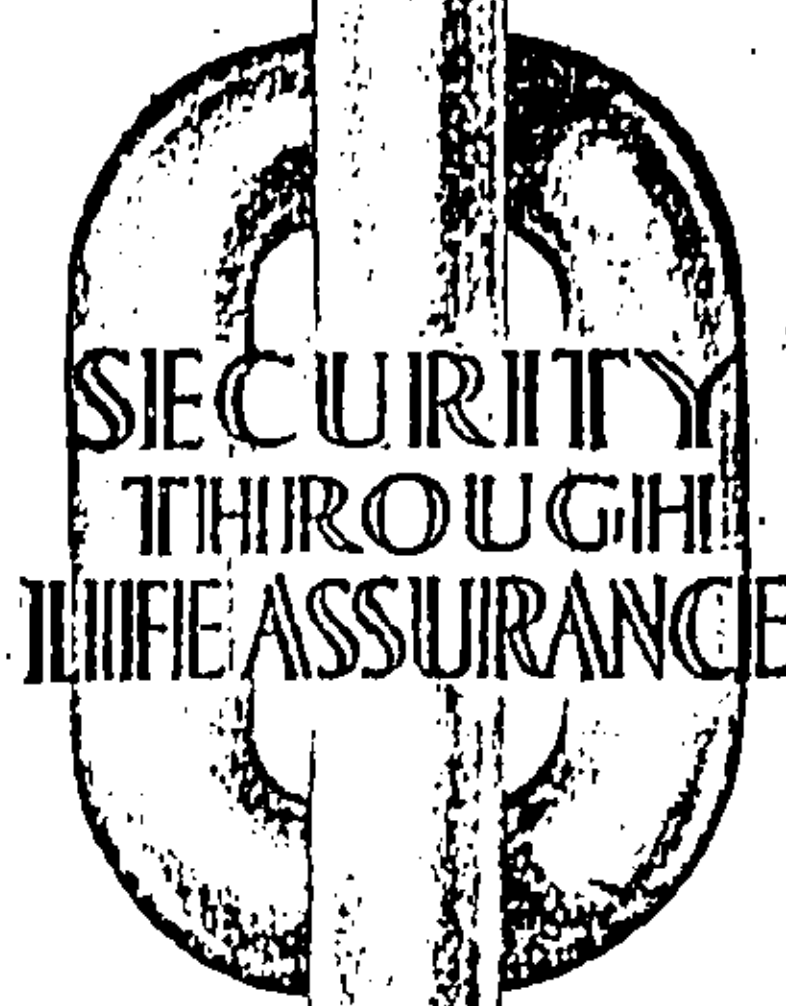
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Religious Freedom But....

Prague, Mar. 19.
The Central Action Committee today declared that Czechoslovakia was determined to maintain religious freedom "in full measure" but at the same time warned the Church against permitting its pulpits or the press to be "misused by reaction."

The Committee condemned the "arbitrary acts" of some action committees which interfered with church schools.

It also condemned certain undefined cases where, it said, church platforms had been used for "political action against the Republic" and warned that "such unfortunate phenomena will damage above all the church itself, which suffered them within its ranks."—United Press.

Smuts Has A Remedy

Capetown, Mar. 19.
Premier Jan C. Smuts today suggested that the great powers speak to one another "man to man" in an attempt to clear up misunderstandings. Smuts told the South African Senate: "We do not want to stumble in darkness toward another world war. We are living under a thick cloud."

He said that none knew Russia's position and Russia is just as much in the dark about the Western nations. He said the Soviets might have to defend themselves against the rest and in turn the Western Powers have said that they must defend themselves against Communism.

"World statesmen have to clear up this misunderstanding so we will be clear where we stand. If assurances must be given to Russia, let's give them. If Russia is required to give assurances, let her give them."

He said that if the general public knew clearly what was happening reaction would be such that a government would dare go to war.—United Press.

Nanking, Mar. 20.
China's national armies, like a punch drunk fighter, have never recovered their balance since Liu Po-cheng delivered his deep thrust into the Yangtze Valley six months ago.

Foreign observers date the complete loss of initiative to the Reds from the time in late August when the one-eyed Communist general broke his way across Anhwei into Honan. The failure of Defence Minister Pai Chung-hsi's special Kiukiang Command to oust the Communists from the Yangtze area was the first concrete indication that Chiang Kai-shek's fighters had lost their own punch.

A military spokesman now claims that one-eyed Liu's men are blocked off from attempts to cross the Yangtze into vast, unguarded South China. But the dislocation of the national forces as far north as the Manchurian frontier to cope with Liu and his fellow commanders Chen Cheng and Chen Yi, threw Chiang Kai-shek's men completely off balance.

Their behaviour since that time resembled a tired, winded boxer who covers his face to protect his jaw, only to have his opponent deliver a hard right to the stomach.

The Nationalist High Command have already committed divisions from vital Shantung into the Yangtze to meet Liu's thrust. Taking instant advantage, the Reds drove back across Shantung recovering land which Governor Chen Cheng had captured from them a few weeks before.

Before the campaign against Liu's fast-moving forces into the Yangtze Valley had more than started, attacks of unprecedented violence started against government-held Manchurian positions. Once again Chiang Kai-shek was forced to redeploy his forces.

No sooner had the Central China defences weakened than the Communists opened a twin offensive there—one against L. Yang, on the important Lanchow railway, and other apparently aimed at the reconquest of the old Red capital of Yenan.

Coupled with the tactics of keeping the government forces constantly off-balance, the Communists have commenced a deliberate campaign to capture important cities—something most students of China's civil war said would not come until the government was completely helpless.

Norway Extends Conscription

Oslo, Mar. 19.
Norway announced today new call-up measures and the extension of existing conscription as a final effect of this week's Parliamentary vote of an extra 100,000 kroner for defence.

Less than 24 hours after the Prime Minister, M. Einar Gerhardsen, had joined the Swedish and Danish Premiers in announcing Communism at Stockholm, the Government announced that those now serving their nine months military service could be retained for another three months. Those who have already served their conscription could be called up for extra training.

Certain technicians could also be retained or recalled for training over the 12-months service. These new measures are not universal, but more a select mobilisation in which each case will be decided individually.—Reuter.

History, Moscow Version

Moscow, Mar. 20.
The Historical Institute of the Academy of Science has completed the first volume of a history of the Second World War and it has gone to the printers.

In announcing this, the Soviet press said the complete work will consist of two or three volumes. The first volume shows the rebirth of German Imperialism and covers the period 1918-1939. An announcement said:

"It gives an idea of the fundamental difference between the foreign policy of the USSR, which tried to organize collective security, and the policy of Britain, France and the United States, which aided the Fascist aggression in starting the war."—Associated Press.

Election Rioting In Italy

Rome, Mar. 19.
One policeman was wounded by gunfire and three Christian Socialists were injured when Communists attacked a Right Wing election parade at Castellammare, near Naples.

In another incident, hundreds of Mobile Guards charging into Venezia Square in jeeps prevented an open clash in Rome between Communists and members of the extreme Right Wing Italian Social movement.

The Castellammare fight was the first in the election campaign, which reached new intensity after President Truman's speeches on Communist encroachment.

Political parties had declared a truce during the campaign for the April 18 Parliamentary elections, which will tell whether Italy is going Communist or remaining with the Western nations. Tensions are rising, however, and violence broke out in Castellammare despite the truce.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi, taking the election fight into the Communist-dominated Northern industrial area, said in a speech in Brescia that President Truman well described the Italian Communists when he told how "aggressive minorities" were trying to take control.

"We know the Communists, by devious methods, are infiltrating into governments, then kicking out their opponents—Italians, Bulgarians, Rumanians, Czechoslovaks, will happen here also if you do not oppose it."

Ban On Reds To Be Debated

London, Mar. 19.
The Government's ban on the employment of Communist and Fascist civil servants in security departments will be debated in the House of Commons next week. Conservatives, while largely convinced of the correctness of the Government's action on security grounds, nevertheless want to be satisfied that the ban-cut is done democratically.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, will give the Government's answer to a suggestion that cases under the ban should be referred to an independent tribunal.

The suggestion was made by a small group of Labour Members.—Reuter.

Sydney, Mar. 20.
Fish paste is being used in aluminium tins in Australia, owing to the shortage of tin-plate. The metal has been found excellent for canning purposes. It resists corrosion and rust, does not taint the food and is as strong as tin-plate. Industry sources said.—Associated Press.



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Wot Abart Fadey F. Bellingshausen?

London, Mar. 19.
Moscow Radio, in a lengthy commentary from "Izvestia" on the Antarctic disputes, today pointedly called attention to Russian discoveries in the area more than a century ago. The dispatch, which dealt mainly with an article in the "Saturday Evening Post" by a "naval officer, leader and journalist," claimed that the authors passed over the Russian discoveries.

According to "Izvestia" it is a sufficient to recall "the expedition of Fadey F. Bellingshausen, who as far back as 1819-21 made a voyage to the South Polar regions, with the sloops 'East' and 'Peace'."

The "Izvestia" writer, Afonin, stressed portions of the "Saturday Evening Post" article, in which he said, the authors pointed out the military advantages of strategically important areas.

"The authors declared resolutely that the United States will not recognize anybody's authority over what may turn out to be a gigantic treasure house," he wrote.

"Acute diplomatic and other struggles have now developed around the Falkland Islands. The United States so far maintains an unneutral position in the question of entrusting a diplomatic war to its colleagues in defence of the Western Hemisphere."

"At a press conference, however, (Secretary of State) Marshall as far back as mid-February, in reply to a question whether the USA believed in the right of the present dispute over the Antarctic to be settled by a matter for Britain, Argentina and Chile, found it necessary to declare that it was an obsolete conception. Thus, basic conceptions of the 'Saturday Evening Post' article may be deemed to correspond with the official point of view."

Not Surprising

"It is not surprising," that the authors failed to mention Bellingshausen according to "Izvestia." It said he "crossed the Antarctic Circle six times, discovered Peter I Island and Alexander I Land and investigated an immeasurably bigger area in the Antarctic beyond the Circle than the British navigator Cook."

"Bellingshausen's journey was one of the most difficult and most important in the history of all explorations in those areas. Part of the Antarctic Ocean, which washes the shores of the American continent, was called after Bellingshausen. The works of the Russian explorer of the Antarctic have retained their great value for science to this day."

"Naturally, exploits and explorations of the Antarctic by the famous Russian navigator are passed over in silence in the above-mentioned article, which openly encourages the monopolization of the Antarctic by the USA and the United Kingdom."

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MARRIAGES

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CHADWICK-KIEW—MAIN: At St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, on Saturday, 20th March 1946, Lionel, son of Dr. & Mrs. Chadwick-Kiew of Shanghai, to Marjorie Florence Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Duncan Main of Purley, Surrey, late of Shanghai.

PALESTINE REVERSAL

If America's record since she blundered into the Palestine problem has been far from distinguished, she deserves credit now for having had the courage to admit the error. Withdrawal of the support of the United States for the partition plan must end the matter, at least temporarily. Without her, those who ignored Britain's advice, knowledge and practical experience and voted gaily for partition, will retire, even more hurriedly, from an untenable position.

Nothing in this change of front will alter British determination to abandon the mandate. Britain has carried the burden too long at too heavy a cost in lives and treasure, and public opinion in the Empire would not countenance a change in policy after the events of the last few months. Here the United States has been equally realistic and the new proposal (the only logical one in the circumstances) is the creation of a Trusteeship of the United Nations over the Holy Land, calling for a sharing of the responsibility, until such time that a more permanent solution, satisfactory to both sides, can be evolved.

The decision will not please fanatical Zionists. It will not please Mr. Ben Hecht. Yet we venture to think that Jewry at large will learn of the development with a feeling of intense relief. It was impossible to entertain any delusions about the outlook: chaos and carnage would have befallen Palestine on May 15 on surrender of the British mandate. Now, only if Jewish extremists in the Holy Land take matters entirely into their own hands and out of anger intensify their campaign of terrorism and violence, shall we be unable to look forward to an easing of the situation and an opportunity for a breathing space in which the whole question may be re-examined in a more promising atmosphere.

Such an extremist outbreak would, however, merely have the effect of alienating what remaining sympathies survive. The task of leadership which now falls upon the Jewish Agency is a heavy one, heavy indeed, particularly as the leaders themselves may feel deep grievance at the turn of events. Bitter as the pill may be to swallow, however, they cannot avoid recognition of the cold facts. The partition plan was dead weeks ago: admitting it has taken the time.

REMEMBER PRAGUE—FORGET UTOPIA

No people is less disposed to believe the worst than the British. There has always existed in this country a general optimism of outlook the dangerous effect of which is to beget soft and complacent policies. Britain's adversaries always start at an advantage. The inability of British statesmanship to see things in the light, the preference for a hand-to-mouth existence, as true in our foreign as in our trade policy, are over the powerful allies of those who threaten the peace of the world. A man who can see the whole picture is somehow suspect. Hence Mr. Churchill's failure in his Fulton speech two years ago to halt the growing exposure and weakness of Western Europe. It takes longer, in fact, to show the truth to a Briton than to the "men from Missouri."

Two 'Locust Years'
The two years since Fulton have been "locust years". Indeed, were it not for the transformation which has been taking place across the Atlantic, their blackness would stand unrelieved.

The latest events in Czechoslovakia have, it is true, shaken the public into something like awareness of our present pressing peril, though it must be recorded that the reaction in Britain has been rather less vigorous than in the other threatened countries or in America. But the adjustment to the new situation is far from complete.

This while in the lobbies and corridors of the House of Commons there was a continual babble of worried talk about the dangerous developments in Europe, in the Chamber, itself the debate on Defence White Paper proceeded altogether without the sense of topical urgency which circumstances should have dictated.

Still Hamstrung
We have to face the fact that the present Government

is wasting far too much money and far too much manpower on a wholly inadequate system of defence at a time when no competent adviser can put the period of safe expectation of peace at longer than six months. We are still hamstrung not only by the system of Dominions Limited Liability, but no less by the system of Western European Limited Liability. There is still the possibility of a United States military guarantee of the 16 nations. Vital conversations are now in progress in Washington. There, the pessimism of the American military experts must somehow be discounted. Their view that the French frontier provides the best hope of successful defence must strike a chill in Western hearts.

American Power

If German strength is so lightly to be given up to the East, the Russo-German combination, which started the last war, will be able to win the next with or without shot fired. American air and sea power

By ALASTAIR FORBES

must be able to act in immediate and powerful defence of the existing East-West frontier. For the outpost of American defence (and with it the guarantee of European peace) lies today in Greece, where yesterday saw that it lay in Canning's day more than a hundred years ago, in which, in the letter to Jefferson, he wrote that "with British power combined with our own we have nothing to fear from the rest of the world."

To claim that military containment of Russian aggression can alone save Western Europe is clearly absurd. But it is equally absurd to believe that the Western Union can be built up at all, let alone saved, without such immediate military containment.

To consider the exact degree of Russian tyranny imposed over Czechoslovakia in the latest coup, as so many Socialists are attempting to do is irrelevant. That is taking the Chamberlain view. One remembers Sir Duff Cooper's resignation at the time of Munich: "I besought my colleagues not to see this problem always in terms of Czechoslovakia" (i.e., Czechoslovak Politics).

If Czechoslovakia is to be considered today, it is, alas! in Tokyo, the Australian popular attitude towards Japan is understood, rightly or wrongly, to be still bitter and hostile, not to say vengeful.

By RICHARD HUGHES

establish this impression in the American mind. America is equally prepared to resist opposition also from the Soviet and China in pushing through this long-range plan. The strength of the American policy lies in the fact that a broad basis for Japanese recovery has already been agreed upon by the Far Eastern Commission in Washington, representing eleven United Nations in the Pacific. It was decided unanimously, if somewhat empirically, that the new democratic Japan should be permitted to regain the standard of living which prevailed in Japan during the years 1930-34. That was fine theory, indeed. But in those years Japan had a population of only sixty-six million. By the time Japan is able to struggle back even with energetic and sustained American help, to that standard, her population will be more than eighty millions and on existing calculations still going strong.

terms of an aircraft-carrier and guided-missile base which brings the whole of Western Europe into easy range. It creates a situation of immense danger.

Russia Frightened

Russia is frightened, and frightened fingers are quick on the trigger. If she considers conflict with America inevitable what more likely than should use her vast land-power to snatch the remaining territory of the Western Pacific? There is not much time for the United States to bring to halt what one of her leading trade unionists has called this "creeping Pearl Harbour."

On our side we must be prepared to accept in the military sphere, as in the economic sphere, those abrogations of sovereignty without which no Western Union or Confederation will ever become viable or defensible.

The Defence debate was closed for the Opposition by Brigadier Head, who, though speech was too full of the sort of agonising jokes to be expected from a platoon commander at an ABCA lecture gave a piece of sound advice to the Socialists—"Forget Utopia—remember Czechoslovakia!"

That there has been a welcome strengthening of the Socialists' attitude was made clear in the statement by the party executive.

Neither this statement nor Lord Pakenham's fine speech in the Lords on the same day went far enough. The fact remains that there are nearly a hundred Labour M.P.s who, like Lord Stirling in the Lords, are not particularly dismayed by events in Prague, and some who are delighted by them.

Cowardly Tactics

Unless the Labour Party purges itself of this treacherous element, proscribes the Communist Party, and mercilessly exposes those who are its secret adherents, it will continue to be a party to the weakening of Britain in the face of foreign aggression. The Labour Party has waited too long to act against the Communists. It is even now acting half-heartedly and with scant success. There are Socialists who talk about the great Rubicon of history. Yet they are still opposing the Conservatives far more violently than the Communists. They know that if they break with the Communists and the fellow travellers the Labour Party will no longer be the paramount force in British politics. Nothing but the closest co-operation between capital and labour in a healthy society can resist Communism.

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more than 90 per cent. of their sugar. To re-establish that standard, which has been publicly and unanimously accepted as reasonable, Japan must be permitted to import each year 2,500,000 tons of cereals, beans and potatoes, and 850,000 tons of sugar.

Optimistic

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progressively adopted, more labour diverted to the land and extra cultivation in the overcrowded islands, undertaken to intensify local production.

But this, in turn, means permission for greatly increased imports of phosphate and potash for fertilisers. To maintain the balance on which Japanese life with rice is based, heavy imports of oil are also unavoidable. Japan can provide less than 20 per cent. of her gasoline needs from domestic supplies. Her prospective imports may be estimated at from fifteen to twenty million barrels of oil annually.

Large imports of raw cotton, wool, rubber, leather and rayon pulp are, of course, essential also for domestic needs. Japan can pay for these imports only by export of such commodities as are prepared to buy of such commodities—as raw silk, cotton and rayon textiles, cement, metalwork, handcraft products and rubber manufactures.

Plot Now

This again will necessitate the extension of the Japanese industrial structure, calling for the

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

By H.G.W. Woodhead, CBE

In proposing certain reforms which, in my opinion, would be to the benefit of, or at least of great convenience to the public, I wish to disclaim any idea of criticising the administration of whom let it would fall to implement them. In some instances the fact that they have not been carried out, or thought of, is undoubtedly due to shortages of staff and to the necessity of tackling more urgent problems arising out of the re-occupation of this Colony after nearly four years of enemy control. Most of the more urgent problems arising out of the enemy occupation, however, have now been tackled, or are being tackled by the responsible authorities. And it should not be considered unreasonable to suggest that amenities which might well have been dispensed with up to now should receive the serious consideration of local officials.

I shall group my suggestions under headings referring to the departments concerned.

1. The Post Office

A new General Post Office, or the provision of additional branch offices in the more populated areas is obviously desirable. But in the meantime a great deal could be done to expedite the delivery and despatch of mails. In every large city that I know of, the sorting of incoming or outgoing mails is the normal practice. In Hong Kong the sorters are not on duty at night (or I understand on holidays) with the result that there is a considerable delay in the delivery of parcels, even to box-holders, especially after weekends. Mail matter that has obviously been received the previous day is often not sorted for delivery in time for the postmen's morning rounds. Post-office-boxes are often empty at 9 a.m. on Monday, although mails by plane, ship and railway must have arrived on Saturday afternoon and throughout Sundays. No doubt the cost of night-sorting would be higher than ordinary day routine. But the use of planes for carrying mail at much higher than normal postal rates suggests that speed of delivery is a serious factor and delays which may amount to 24 hours or more are therefore inexcusable.

There is no provision for the delivery of parcels, even to box-holders, in the island of Lantau. This may be understandable in connection with incoming foreign parcels, which have to be checked up to see that they do not contain dutiable commodities. But it does not seem to me to be reasonable that one cannot get a parcel from the General Post Office, to any Queen Mary's Hospital, or Stanley Park for actual delivery to the addressee—instead of the despatch to him or her of a notice to come and collect.

Finally, as regards the Post Office, it is surely time that something was done to expedite airmails to the United States, Canada and the Philippines. At present there are only two air services to the U.S.A. per week, although five or even seven trans-Pacific planes leave the Colony during that period. The obstacle, I know, is the rate demanded in

U.S. Currency for transmission by certain Air Lines. Could this not be overcome by an Ordinance making it compulsory for mail-carrying craft visiting Hong Kong to accept local currency for mails, or alternatively, by giving Air Lines that do so, preferential treatment at Kaitak, or introducing what might be described as a barter system under which outgoing aircraft would transport across the Pacific the same weight of mails that they brought in?

The Police

Is it unreasonable, in a British Colony, to suggest that the Police should be familiar with the English names of the principal streets? Especially should policemen on their beats know the English names and numbers of roads within their area. To a stranger, finding an address on, say, the Peak, is often a hopeless task. Being unfamiliar with the Peak thoroughfares and numbers I spent nearly an hour the other evening trying to find a friend's house. The chauffeur, with the customary desire of the Chinese to please, stated that he knew the road and the house. After encircling one of the Peak summits, and returning to the starting point, I encountered a Policeman and sought his guidance. He did not know the road, which was only a couple of hundred yards distant. An intensive course in elementary or Basic English should form part of every Policeman's training. And while I am on this point, would it be unreasonable to suggest that no taxi-cab driver's licence be issued to any applicant who does not know sufficient English to take one to the main streets on the island or the mainland. Not many weeks ago I got into a taxi and asked to be driven to May Road. A taxi-driver representative standing by gave the driver the Chinese name. Yet three on the way up he stopped to ask his way. No driver is to be licensed who is so completely ignorant of local geography.

Public Works Department

The erratic numbering, or in instances absence of numbering of houses and offices, especially residences in the Peak, is another vexatious matter. The address "such and such a number, the Peak", conveys no idea of the locality in which it is to be found. Much time is often wasted in day-light-finding a Peak number, and on a dark night, the position is well-nigh hopeless. I suggest that numbers on all buildings be compulsory, and that in the Peak area some attempt be made to number houses in logical sequence, and, by conspicuous signposts, to indicate where they may be found.

In addition, the Public Works Department would be doing a public service, which ought to cost the taxpayers nothing, by issuing with the least possible delay road maps of the island, and Kowloon and the "New Territories" on a reasonable scale.

The system of reflecting indicators in the middle of unlighted or poorly lighted roads might usefully be extended.

Education

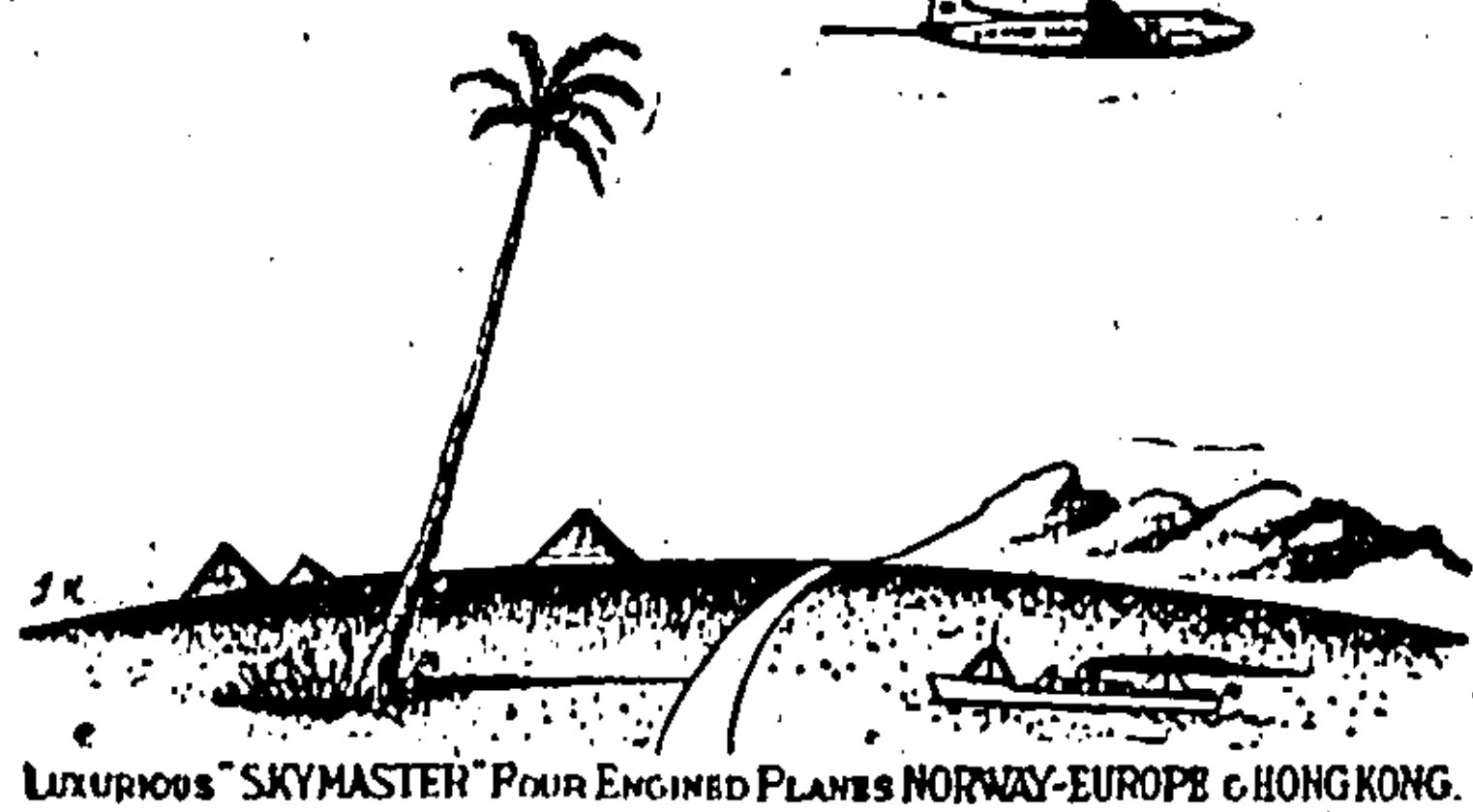
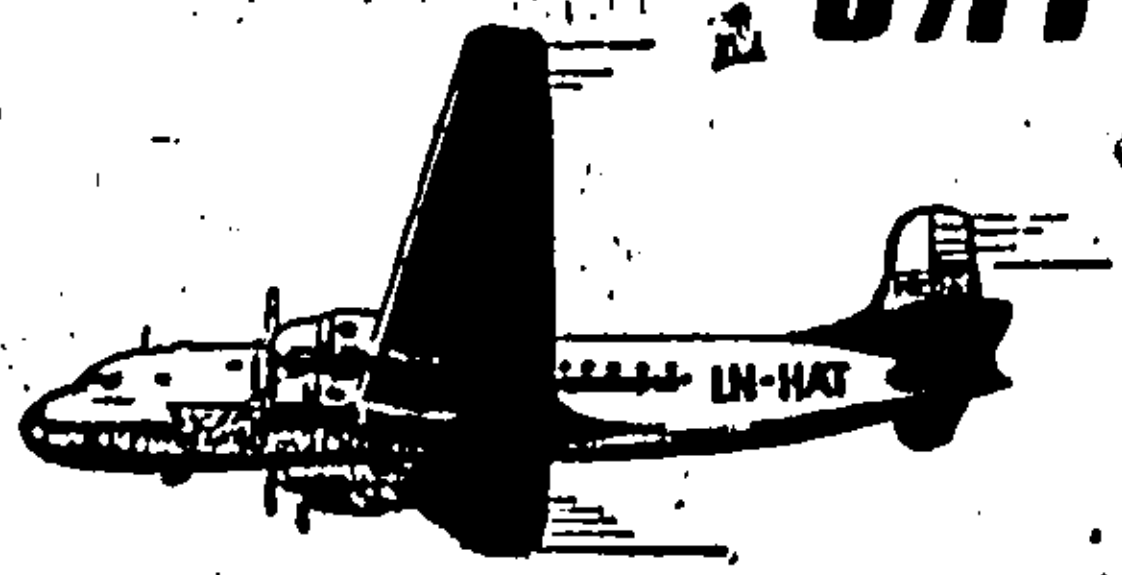
We were told by the Governor in his Budget speech that upwards of 100,000 children are now attending schools in the Colony. How many of these children, when they leave school will have a passable knowledge of English? According to last year's annual report the medium of instruction in the schools varies from one category to another. English being the sole language in some, Chinese in others, and yet others having classes in both languages. One of the greatest faults of schools is entirely taught in Chinese and teaching is usually carried out in Chinese. Now learning Cantonese (which, of course is a dialect), may be desirable for most Chinese children in the Colony, but a knowledge of simple English would certainly be a great asset to the rising Chinese generation. English is an important part in the curriculum, if not used, in part, for tuition. By reason of the geographical position Hong Kong is placed to remain a distributing centre for trade between China and Europe, and America and the Pacific area. This means the constant coming to and fro of agents and traders from other parts of the world who have no knowledge of the Chinese vernacular, but the import of whom English is the common business language. In the interests of the Chinese themselves, therefore, every effort should be made to augment the number of English-speaking residents in the Colony. The Education Commission has already recommended that the Government should encourage the teaching of English in the Colony, and that the Government should encourage the teaching of English in the Colony, and that the Government should encourage the teaching of English in the Colony.

This means, according to occupation, epidemic, experts, that Japan probably will lose under reparations agreement little if any plant or equipment, other than that already "parked" down for destruction as war potential.

Meantime no one knows better than the Japanese that the only chance of industrial life in Japan is to be found in the export of such commodities as raw silk, cotton and rayon textiles, cement, metalwork, handcraft products and rubber manufactures.

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America Must Act Promptly Mr. Marshall On "World-Wide Struggle Between Freedom And Tyranny"

Initial Advantages Of Dictators

Berkeley, Calif., Mar. 19.

Warning that a prompt American decision on the "world-wide struggle between freedom and tyranny" was urgently needed, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, declared today that the United States could not evade the issue by a negative procedure of inaction or "disperse our efforts to a degree which would render all ineffective".

Mr. Marshall, who was addressing the University of California during a quick tour to convince the American people that the defence legislation outlined by President Truman yesterday was needed, said:

"In view of all that has already been said and the statement by the President on Wednesday before the joint session of Congress, I am uncertain as to what I might add to convince the American people that this is a world-wide struggle between freedom and tyranny, between the self-rule of the many as opposed to the dictatorship of a ruthless few.

"It should now be perfectly clear that a rule based on threats and force, instead of on reason and justice, must not be allowed to spread further unchecked.

"The speed with which the campaign of the Communist parties in Europe has developed in a well-ordered sequence of events demonstrates the initial advantage of dictators in dealing with democracies such as ours.

"We have been spared the destruction of war, which literally flattened Europe. We are enjoying a high degree of prosperity.

"The critical situation are not confined to Europe. They exist in the Middle East, in Indonesia, in China, and we cannot ignore Latin America, and our direct responsibilities in Japan and Korea.

Important Decisions

"Therefore very important decisions must be made by our Government as to exactly what we should do to meet these various crises. Our means are not unlimited. We must not spend our efforts unwisely.

"I find myself in virtually the same position today as I was during those war years and the decisions are just as difficult and equally important. Rich and powerful as we are, we cannot afford to disperse our efforts to a degree which would render all ineffective.

"Every region has its claims and its proponents, and it is therefore necessary to decide on a general strategy to be employed, having in mind the entire world situation.

"In the long run, I am sure the democracies will invariably succeed. But the trouble is that the lapse of time may result in such a serious loss of position and strength that the task of the democracies may involve a long hard struggle to recover the ground lost.

Economic Factors

"A special effort is now being made to carry through the European recovery programme. This programme is based on economic factors.

"I agree that the economic reinforcement of the free nations will not alone guarantee their safety under the existing conditions. But it should strengthen them so that they will have a far better chance of defending themselves and their Government against a transition into police states dominated by the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Europe.

"In connection with the electoral campaign now in progress in Italy, the leaders of the Communist Party have given their interpretation of the policy of the United States in connection with the outcome of these elections. They publicly assert that if their party, the Communist Party, is victorious at the polls, American assistance to Italy will continue without change.

Comment

"I have only this comment to make regarding that interpretation of the policy of the United States.

"The European recovery programme has been created on the basis of the voluntary association of nations who came together of their own free will, and drew up a programme of mutual self-help for their economic recovery. There has been no compulsion, no pressure of any sort in regard to an association in this great cooperative effort.

"The United States has undertaken to assist these cooperating nations in this programme. On the other side, however, the record is unmistakable. Every European nation under the influence of the Communist has been prevented from participating in the European recovery programme. Some have been deprived of outright participation, and others of assistance.

"Since the Association is entirely voluntary, the people of every nation have a right to change their mind and to withdraw from it.

"We cannot evade the issue by the negative procedure of inaction. By so doing, we would vacate our dominant position of leadership, and thereby revert to a secondary role, a role which inevitably would deprive each of us of these American principles of freedom and justice we have always upheld by every means available.

"We are sincerely anxious to find a sound basis for reaching an agreement which will terminate once and for all the present dangerous situation. We shall continue to do everything possible to reach an agreement, but until such time as a real settlement can be reached, it must be our policy to discourage and to oppose further encroachment on the rights and hopes of free peoples."—Reuter.

Warning

"This could only be considered as an evidence of the desire of that country to dissociate itself from the programme. This Government would have to conclude that Italy had removed itself from the benefits of the European recovery programme.

"In conclusion, I would say that our purpose, our policy is to stand firm on basic principles, but, at the same time, to keep the door wide open for any general conciliatory moves.

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Britain Won't Take The Blame

London, Mar. 19.

Any blame for a breakdown in Palestine through the United Nations Palestine Commission not being ready to take over when the British mandate ended on May 15 would rest with the United Nations. Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, said in the House of Commons today. For a long time, he said, Britain had been warning the United Nations of the approaching date.

He was speaking in a debate on a Bill providing for the ending of British jurisdiction in Palestine after May 15.

A number of Labour Members moved an amendment to ensure that there was no hiatus when the mandate was given up. They wanted it stated in the Bill that the transfer would be made to a specified body of the United Nations.

It was defeated by 124 votes to 17. Labour opponents of the amendment argued that if such a body was not in Palestine to take over, Britain might not be able to withdraw.—Reuter.

Change In Attitude?

London, Mar. 19.

A high British source tonight said the move by the United States to relieve partition might change Britain's determination to get out of Palestine by August 1.

Up to now, Britain has steadfastly maintained she intends to quit Palestine by that date, no matter what action the United Nations took.

"That was the line until tonight," said the informant, who has been close to the Palestine situation. "I cannot say whether it will or will not be tomorrow."

The Colonial Office, which administers Palestine under a League of Nations mandate, which Britain plans to surrender on May 15, preparatory to leaving, refused to comment tonight.

"The US proposal is a complete surprise," a spokesman for the Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones said. He promised to "try to have something to say tomorrow."—Associated Press.

New York, Mar. 20.

Leather production in the United States rose slightly in December to 2,406,000 hides against 2,389,000 in November, according to the Tanners' Council of America. The hides were a slight gain, accounting for 78,000 hides, but, leather makers, "were slightly lower, at 1,883,000 hides against 1,910,000 in November." The Council said.—Associated Press.

Deanna Durbin's Pay-Cheque

Washington, Mar. 19.
Miss Deanna Durbin's \$233,478 paycheque ranked her No. 1 on the partial list of 1947 corporation salaries released today.

After taxes, it was estimated, the actress-singer had about \$100,000 left. Corporations are required by law to report the salaries of their three highest paid employees to a commission each year. The commission reported salaries generally are more up-to-date than those released by the Treasury.

Actor Robert Montgomery, who, like Miss Durbin, works for Universal Pictures, was paid \$250,000 last year. The company's Vice-President in charge of production, William Goetz, got \$284,000.

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Democrats Oppose ERP Bill

Washington, Mar. 19.
The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today approved the \$5,300 million European recovery programme, passed by the Senate early last Sunday, and will now pass it on to the full House.

The Committee vote on the programme was 14 to 8, with the Democrats solidly opposing because of their objection to the inclusion of the measures for aid to Greece, Turkey and China in one bill.

Before giving approval, the Committee made some changes in the Bill passed by the Senate.

One is intended to ensure that the 16-aid nations do not turn American materials into products to be sold to Russia and her satellites if the United States should decline to sell them.—Reuter.

"Cure For Malaria"

Tokyo, Mar. 19.
A Jiji Press dispatch from Nagoya today said Dr. Hiroe Yumoto, of Nagoya University Medical School, had developed a new cure for malaria by means of "subcutaneous injection of the malarial protozoan."

The dispatch said the first tests were very satisfactory. The cure was first tried out last May on a number of patients and resulted in the disappearance of malarial fever and improvement. Americans and other Allied personnel were not too excited. They remember the Japanese reports on a cure for bald heads proved to be false. The alleged bald head cure was also reported from Nagoya.—United Press.

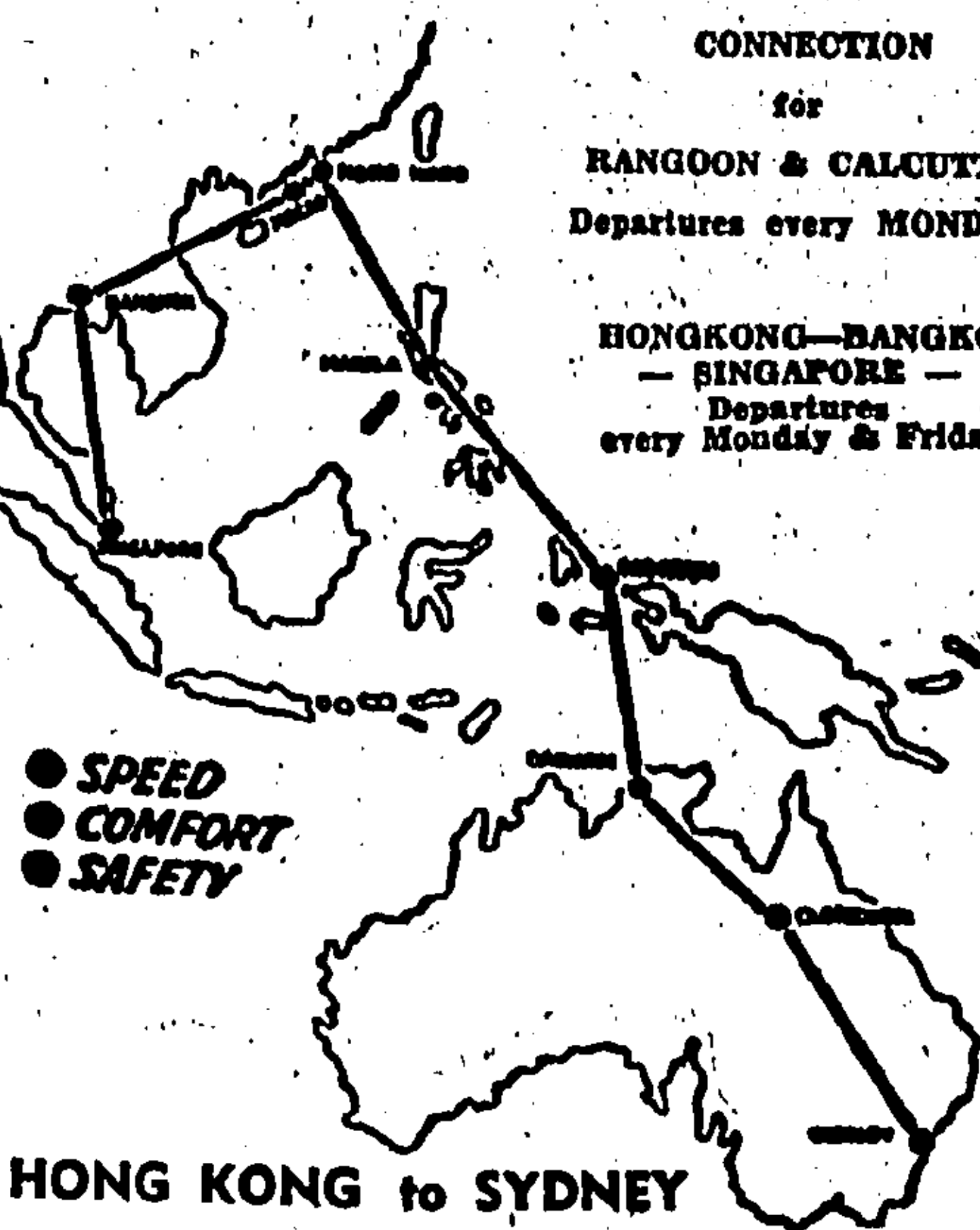
Washington, Mar. 19.
The House of Representatives has approved legislation to permit the use of Agriculture Department funds for the development of foreign markets for American shellfish and fisheries products.—Associated Press.

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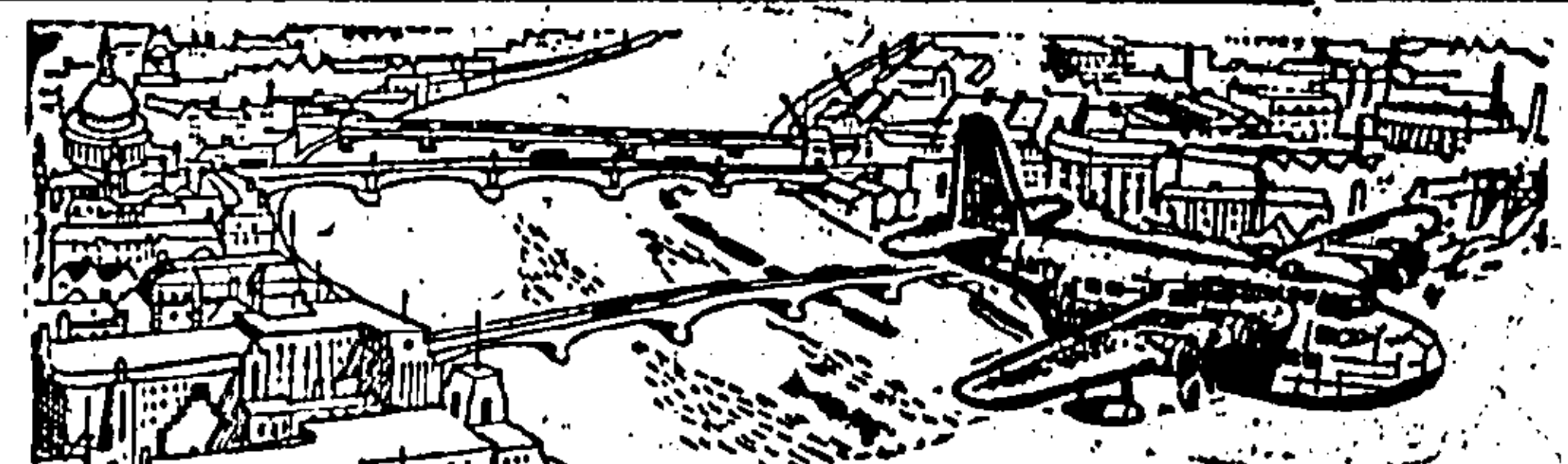
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IT'S A SMALL WORLD BY SPEEDBIRD

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Yesterday the United States announced their withdrawal of support for the Partition Plan in Palestine. In the following article, J. L. HAYS gives reasons for the change of front

IT IS WAR NOW--PARTITION WOULD MEAN EXTENSION

In the three months since the United Nations "solved" the Palestine problem by ordering the partition of the Holy Land more than 4,300 Jews, Arabs, Britons and "others" have been killed and wounded. Similar casualties in eight weeks' fighting in World War II would have earned the classification "heavy."

That is the sort of war that

has been going on. The British are deep in it. We shouldn't be, because it's not a war of our making or of our wishing. But we are—as "referees" and "line-men."

Clearly, we haven't been very successful. How could we be with "teams" of 700,000 Jews and 1,250,000 Arabs determined to play roughly?

At the end of three months the score is equal: the Arabs have won the war of communications (there's a foul shortage in Jerusalem) and the Jews have won the war of the settlements.

Arab strength, present and potential is still problematical. Even the Arabs themselves admit they won't know exactly until a unified command is

established and a start made on linking up the various "armies" into a single force with a single plan.

Then perhaps it would be found that there are about 50,000 combatant Arabs in Palestine. There are many more thousands outside, ready to fill the casualty gap if needed.

The Arabs' greatest weakness, as always in the past, has been the lack of a strong central direction backed by efficient communications and planners and their worst beatings come in local actions.

But Jews Are Short Of Men

Behind the barbed wire and the prepared defences of the settlements men and women of the Hagannah militia have done well.

But supplies of water, food and ammunition needed to keep Hagannah manning their trenches and pillboxes have reached them at heavy cost in dead and wounded.

There has been discernible in the Hagannah ranks a broad streak of "amateurism." The Jews have attempted to stifle Arab violence by terrorism pure and simple—and failed.

The "pre-partition" figure for Hagannah of about 70,000 well-armed men and women was obviously optimistic. Most of the fighting has been done by Hagannah's mobile full-time force, the Palmach, about 15,000 strong. The Jews badly need reinforcements.

Hagannah hoped to get about 10,000 of them from the Cyprus camps for "illegal immigrants" through Tel Aviv port under cover of the British occupation.

When we refused to let them have Tel Aviv—or any other port—until after we have gone (British lives would certainly have been lost in the Arab reaction to such "concession"), they began expressing their disappointment and anxiety in a storm of accusations that we were favouring the Arabs.

Battle Of Communications

Air power was the "joker" in the Jewish pack. Already they had over 40 light planes, mostly cast-off British Auster artillery "spotters." With these planes and more to come they hoped to keep their isolated settlements supplied.

Their agents, too, have been busy in America. They have been seeking bigger, offensive, planes.

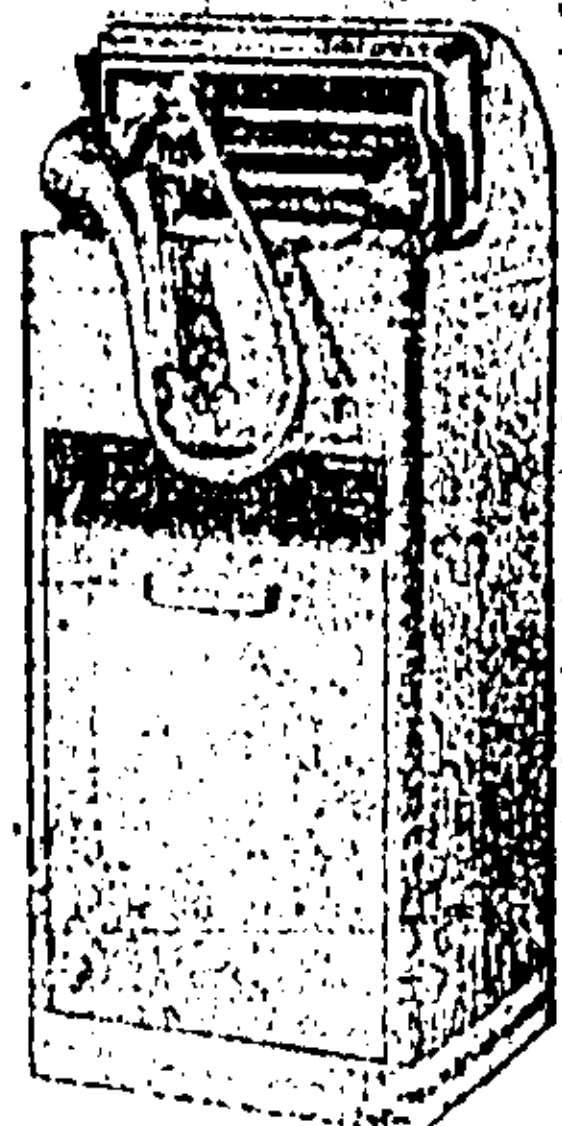
In America also the Jews sought explosives arms and ammunition. And they would want some of the 400,000 American Jews who served in the U.S. armed forces in the war. If ways and means could be found.

But the Arabs planned to bottle up the new Jewish strength at ports by going on winning the battle of communications.

At this stage obviously the winner would be the side willing to lose most men and money. The Arabs claimed they were prepared to lose 60,000 killed and wounded by throttling the new Jewish State at birth, and they cared not how much it cost.

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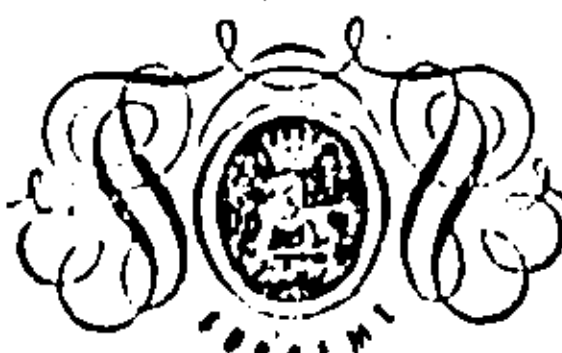
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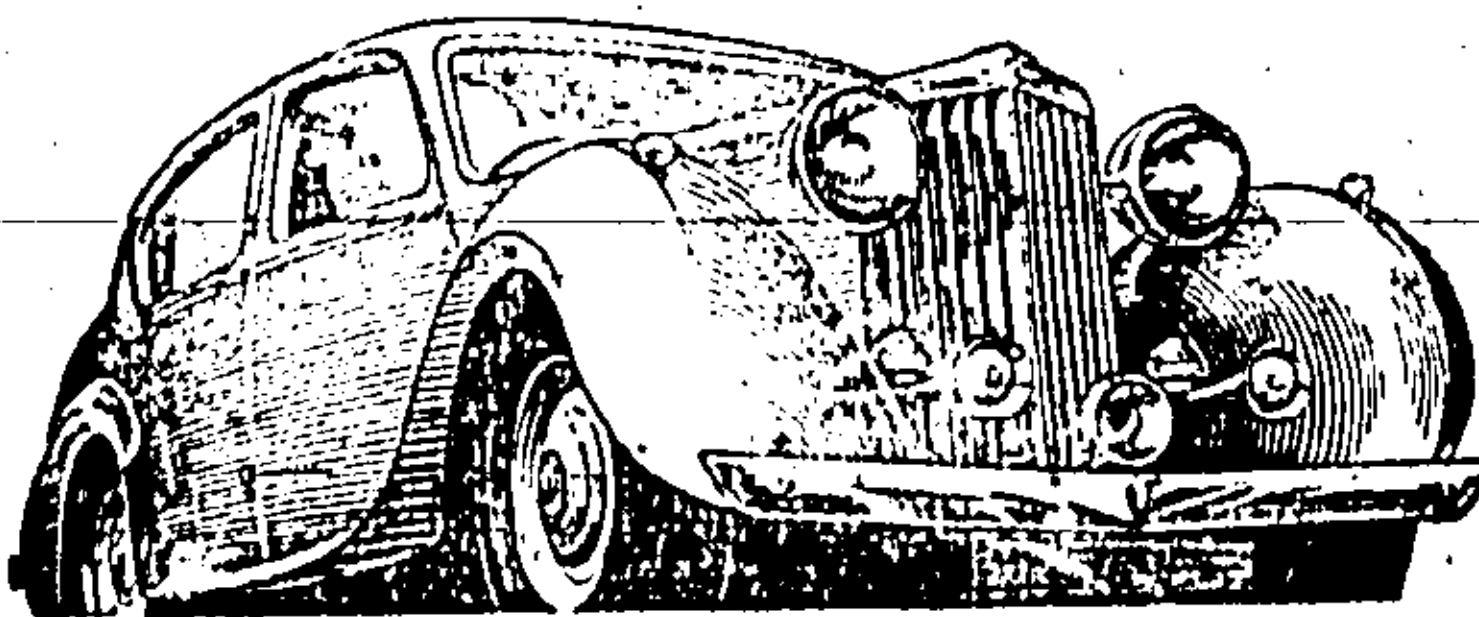


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I defy any British Socialist to pretend that here in Britain our standard of living is "as high as anywhere in Europe." It simply is not true.

There's not only more wealth over there in the Low Countries. There's more of everything that wealth will buy.

Nor is it true to say that these countries had an easier time of it than we did during the war.

There are Communists there in industrial poison. But unlike the British and unlike the French, the workers have never really been affected by the spite of "go slow" propaganda which spread across Western Europe before the war. Restrictive practices have always seemed to them unpatriotic.

Industries May Be Modified

Next time the Communists try to stage a general strike in Belgium, they'll find the Government can be just as tough as they.

Under Benelux, Holland stands to gain, and you may sometimes hear a short-sighted Belgian business man complain that under the new arrangements beer may cost a bit more or that some of their industries may have to be modified to come into line with the Netherlands.

But every innovation has its teething troubles, and every large idea has trouble with small-minded men.

The remarkable fact remains that the people of these three little countries now belong to a great new economic power—the third largest trading unit in the world.

Since Mr. Bevin has plumped for Western European solidarity, it may be these people to whom history will accord a great honour—credit for the birth of a United States of Europe. Now that the iron curtain has come clanking down on the Czech frontier, time is shorter still.

And the civilised French and sagacious British to the infant Benelux, and you have a mighty man.

By Jasper Sayer

Economy Was Distorted

Belgium, admittedly, fared better than most occupied countries for Germans desperately needed Belgian industry. Her economy, nonetheless, was distorted and sucked pretty dry.

Holland had a hammering. She was systematically sucked and swamped.

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg was in the path of the German offensive, when whole towns were crushed.

These three countries then, traditional cockpit of Europe, started the post-war race for recovery with serious handicaps.

Most serious of all, economically, they had lost all their trade with Germany, before the war their major customer.

Yet today you may go shopping in Brussels and, without queuing once, buy succulent chocolates, nylon stockings, and all those things which, for the average citizen, make the difference between a drab life and a good one.

Petrol is unlimited for the many American limousines. Neon lights flash their message of good cheer.

Austerity In Dutch Homes

You may walk into an Amsterdam restaurant and gorge yourself to a standstill on vast steaks and Dutch gin, even though there's plenty of austerity in the Dutch home.

Of the Benelux trio (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxem-

own pocket, as a private gambler, bought Belgium the prosperity which she enjoys today.

There is, however, one recovery factor common to all three countries. Week after week, month after month, year after year, their citizens do an honest day's work.

At the gigantic Philips works in Eindhoven, smashed by R.A.F. low level raids, the 23,000 employees have struck only twice in two years. One strike lasted half an hour, and the other half a day.

At Antwerp, meanwhile, the dockers unload about twice as much in an hour as does his counterpart in London and Glasgow.

A British merchant skipper has assured me of that.

There are Communists in all these countries, and where

What The Chinese Press Is Saying

—by obtaining more supplies of rice for Hong Kong from the rice-producing areas. If that can be done, the price of rice in Hong Kong would automatically drop.

Once the price of rice is brought down, the prices of other essential commodities would follow suit.

Another question is the housing shortage. There are many loopholes in the Ordinance. Government should float loans with support from banking institutions and carry out a large-scale building of simple dwellings to be leased out at a low rental to the general public. Such a project will certainly bring down excessive rentals existing in the Colony and help eliminate "key money" or "building costs" charged by landlords.

Education is another problem. The average parent can ill-afford to pay tuition fees amounting to \$20 per month. To solve the problem, Government should allocate funds for the establishment of more public schools and make provision so that all children may have a chance to secure some education.

—National Times: General opinion is that the wealth of Hong Kong's commerce is mainly due to the Colony being a free port. It must, however, be noted that China is a free market. Only a 5% tax is imposed on imports. The British are well aware of this fact.

Kowloon is the terminus of the Canton-Kowloon railway. If the Canton-Hankow railway terminated at Whampoa and not linked with the Canton-Kowloon line, Hong Kong's development would be adversely affected. The joining up of the Canton-Kowloon and Canton-Hankow lines should be expedited as soon as possible. Hong Kong and Kowloon to China.

Hong Kong is not only the entrepot of South China but for the Far East as well. The Colony is one of the world's first class ports.

Hong Kong's importance has been declining. This is due firstly to American domination in the Far East, and secondly to the wartime facilities and godowns erected at the ports of Shanghai, Tientsin and Dairen. Once the Whampoa port project materialises, Hong Kong will lose its value. Geographically, the relations between Canton and Hong Kong are severed. A line of Manchurian and Japanese goods, from Osaka and Kobe to Japan, will be cut off. This will be a serious blow to Hong Kong's commerce. The Chinese should be aware of this and take steps to develop other ports and facilities in the region.

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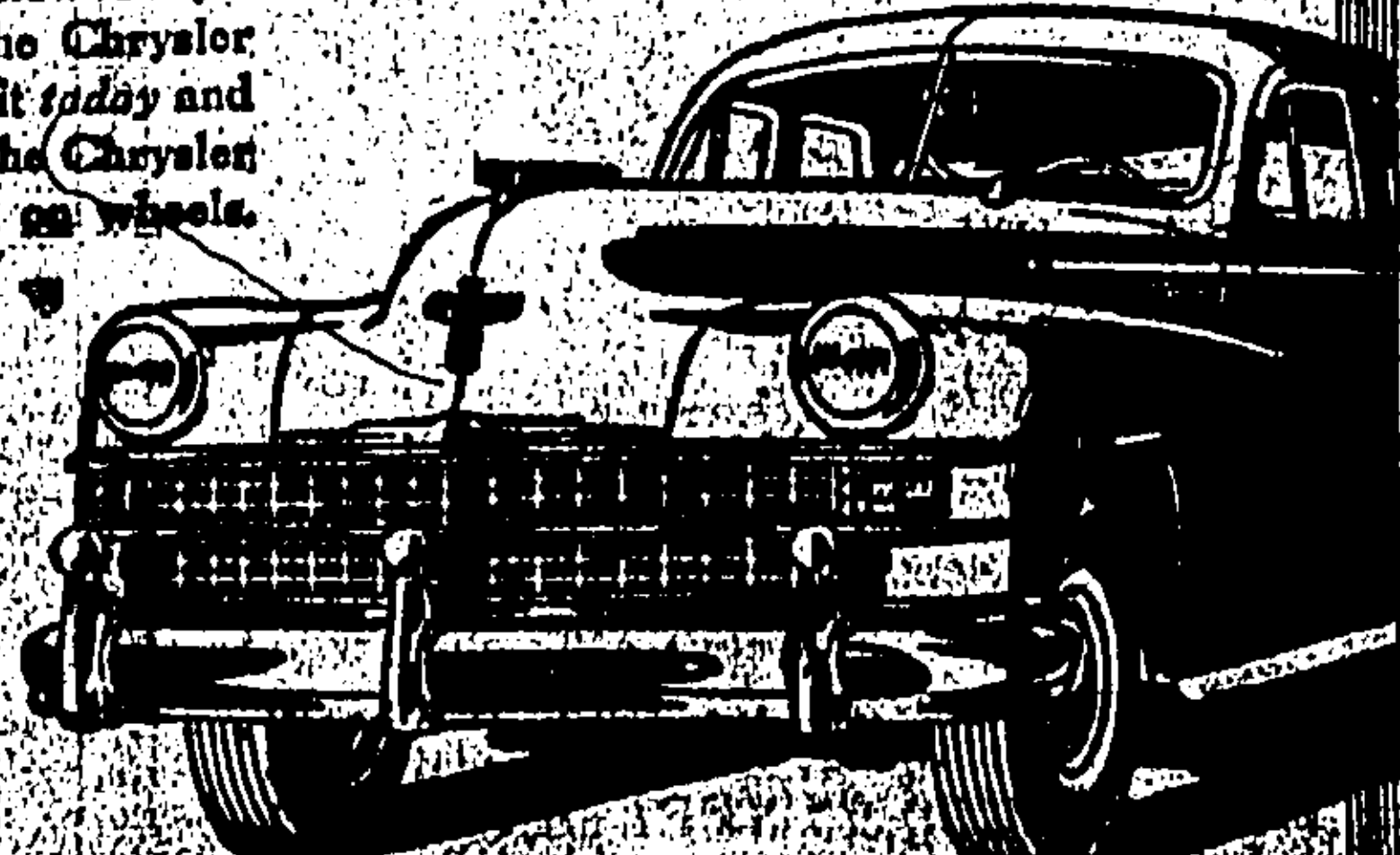
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Dutch Exclude "Reds"

The Hague, Mar. 19.
A Dutch Labour Party motion urging the exclusion of Communists from the Permanent Foreign Affairs Committee of the Dutch Second Chamber (Lower House) was adopted by the Chamber today by 67 votes to seven.

All seven dissentient votes were from Communist members, one of whom described the motion as a "direct attack on democratic freedom."

During the debate, Baron Van Boetzeler, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said the Western Union Pact would be given priority on the Chamber's agenda. Military co-operation between Holland and Belgium was receiving full consideration by the Dutch Government, he said.

Answering questions, he said Holland's frontier claims on Germany would probably be dealt with next month in London.

Reuter.

Diplomats Braced For More Bad News

London, Mar. 19.
Western European diplomats braced themselves today for bad news from any one of three potential trouble spots in the Mediterranean—Greece, Turkey and Italy.

Two Turkish military attaches returned home from Bulgaria suddenly and without public explanation. Hungary was reported to have ordered three of its diplomatic staff home from Turkey.

Diplomats here speculated whether the two-way shift had

anything to do with stiffening relations between Turkey and Russia's Balkan neighbours, and the standing Soviet demands for Turkish border changes and a big hand in the Dardanelles.

Constantine Rentsis, Greek Minister of Public Order, supported US State Department reports that an international brigade of several thousand men is stationed on Greece's northern border. Rentsis said in Athens that the Greek Government had received reports Communist guerrillas planned an attack on Salonika between Mar. 22 and 30. The Greek Foreign Ministry said it had reports of considerable military movements in Yugoslavia and Albania.

US State Department dispatches had said there were reports of 30,000 men in an international brigade in Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. These reports suggested that any attack across the border might have the purpose of capturing Ioannina for a Communist Greek capital or of throwing a projected Government spring offensive off balance.

Riots in Rome

Temper shorted in Italy where political campaigners took full advantage of a holiday to plead for the voters' support in the critical Communist elections on April 18. Riot squads were called out at a huge Left rally in Rome, but flat fighting was broken up without any casualties.

High-ranking British officials in London were reported gravely concerned lest a Communist blunder in one of these three places or elsewhere might result in a minority uprising or intervention which would grow into real trouble. Associated Press.

Russia Leading In Fishery Research

Boston, Mar. 19.
The Secretary of the Interior (Mr. Julius Krug) today said that Russia was outstripping the world in fishery research. He said the Russians maintained the "most modern and best-equipped" fishing research vessels in the world. Mr. Krug said the Russians had a five-year plan to double their catch in the Pacific by 1950.

The Secretary declared that the United States must "awake" to the deficiencies "before it is too late." He spoke at the dedication of the United States only research vessel, which was recently acquired by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The new vessel—a converted commercial trawler named "Albatross, III"—will sail in the waters to determine the yearly addition of haddock, redfish, roundfish and cod by actually counting them. Other fisheries will be studied.

What was said today was that the "Albatross, III" will sail in the waters to determine the yearly addition of haddock, redfish, roundfish and cod by actually counting them. Other fisheries will be studied.

Violence In Assembly Debates

Paris, Mar. 19.
For the second time in two days, violent incidents today followed the Communist and De Gaulle accusations in the French Parliamentary debate on military credits.

Today's session in the National Assembly ended with several violent incidents, after some deputies had charged a Communist deputy, M. Pierre Villon, with espionage. Communist deputies criticised the activities of certain De Gaulle deputies during the resistance days. When it looked as if blows would again be exchanged, others rushed in to maintain peace.

The Assembly adopted military credits of 65 milliard francs (£63,000,000) for April and May, by 418 votes to 183.

Replying to the Communist charges that the Government was placing the French Army at the disposal of the Anglo-Saxon powers, M. Pierre Henri Teitgen, Minister for the armed forces, said:

"France is bound by her international agreements. The military policy is within the framework of those agreements."—Reuter.

Tornadoes Take Toll Of 39 Lives

Chicago, Mar. 19.
At least 39 persons were reported killed today by a series of tornadoes that battered a trail of death and destruction across the Middlewestern United States from Texas to Ohio. Fully 300, and possibly many more, were injured and property damage run into untold millions of dollars.

Schools, churches, factories, stores and homes in the paths of the twisters were leveled or damaged. Tornadoes or high winds struck Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

Illinois was hit hard. At least 36 of the deaths were reported in that State and other hundreds were reported injured. The Red Cross reported that Bunker Hill, a community of 1,500 persons, was 80 per cent levelled and 14 of its inhabitants killed. Associated Press.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE IN THE OFFING

London, Mar. 19.
An Imperial Conference to discuss the implications of the Brussels five-power treaty is in the offing. The Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Reginald Sorensen, today said such a conference was a "possibility," pointing out that Commonwealth members are not bound by Britain's unitary commitments.

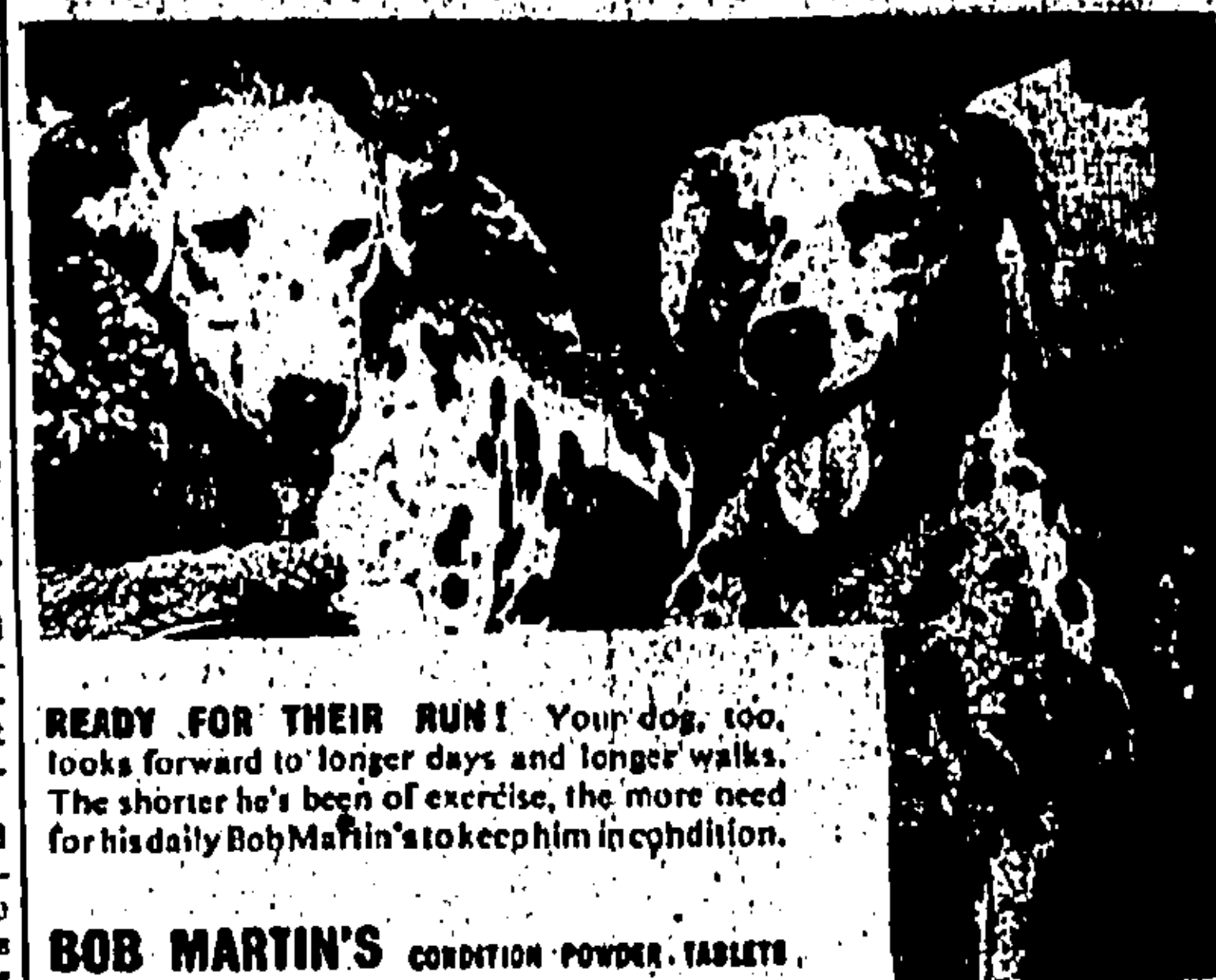
It is understood that, while the British expect unanimous Commonwealth support, it is considered politic that an Imperial Conference should examine all aspects of the pact directly affecting Commonwealth members and also the establishment of a global defence system incorporating the Benelux signatories.

Members of Parliament saw the significance of Mr. Bevin's pronouncement that the pact was "only the beginning," which was believed to imply more definite defence alignments with both Hemispheres. Such alignments are said to have been discussed earlier this year, envisaging five Global Defence Zones administered by Imperial Defence Councils co-

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The zones envisaged are:
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(2) European, headquarters either in Brussels or Paris;
(3) Mid-Eastern, headquarters in East Africa;
(4) Indian Ocean, headquarters either in Colombo or Singapore;
(5) Pacific, headquarters in Australia.

The defence councils would comprise representatives of all the fighting services, presided over by a ranking Service Commander from the chief country of each zone, while an overall Joint Defence Council embracing the United States and the Allied powers, with headquarters in Washington, would be commensurately expanded. United Press.



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A LETTER FROM HELSINKI

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You were coming out here once as a volunteer to prevent Russia getting half of the country.

It was important then to keep the Russians from meddling too much in Scandinavia.

Well, it's just as important today. But you needn't bother to put on those white cotton slippers over your battle dress. There isn't going to be any fighting. It looks today as though Russia is going to get the whole country without a shot being fired.

You'd think this was Lotusland the way the Finns are holding back the Red Dawn. Compared with the Finns, the Spaniard with his mammoth is a high-powered man of action.

For instance, last week-end (crisis week-end) two key members of Assembly and one Finnish Cabinet Minister went away to Stockholm for a junket.

A Grudging 'Yes'

And not only are the Finns arch-delayers; they are tough babies into the bargain. They have a special word in Finland for toughness—*sana*, meaning pretty rugged.

But toughness and procrastination can last only so long. Not for ever.

As I recall it, last time the Finns kept Uncle writing for his answer Uncle got very angry and sent his men through the Finnish pinewoods.

Today a Finnish "No" is still more unlikely, though not impossible. The Russian Army in their base at Porkkala are only ten miles from the deck on which this letter is being written.

There is nothing to prevent the Russians from bringing more troops perfectly legally on to this piece of Finnish soil.

And if Finland still says "No" there are all kinds of other unpleasant possibilities. Strikes, by Communists could slow up production, put Finland behind with her payments, and give the Russians an excuse for interference.

No Demands - Yet

Of course, the Russians have not made any formal demands on Finland yet. They have merely said that they want an agreement on the lines of the Russian pact with Rumania and Hungary. But this has not prevented the Finns from having kittens about the whole thing.

They are afraid that the Russians will ask for new bases in Lapland as a possible defence against projected missiles and other flying saucers. Other bases might be required further south on Finland's west coast.

You would be surprised to meet the leader of the Finnish Communist Party, as I did recently. Herta Kuusinen is a comparatively young woman, with a pale face, a snub nose, and a sense of humour.

Her hair is done back into a bun. She wears frilly scarves. She plays with a paper-knife as she talks to you. She might be anyone's elder sister. Someone asked her if it was not true that the Communists in Finland were forming rifle squads. She answered, "I don't know."

"The photographer on my right has just asked me to smile. I think that's a very handy reply to the question."

Wink And A Smile

The Communists now control about one-quarter of the seats in the grim-faced Finnish Parliament (where the lights wink up and down as deputies vote) and are expected to lose ground in the elections fixed for July.

But if Uncle Joe could somehow get smiling Herta into power before then there might not have to be any elections.

(As it is, her husband, who is Minister of the Interior, may be able to do something if he disqualifies from voting all those who have taken part in resistance movements against the Russians.)

JOHN FISHER

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HOW I HAD A GO

WILFRED— PICKLES— BECOMES— A COMEDIAN

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So when you hear me say "Ow do, 'ow are yer" as my radio programme comes on the air you are getting the secret of my success.

It was all arranged that I should go into the building trade—the family business in Halifax, Yorkshire. I had a go; didn't like it much, but stuck at it for a bit.

Then in Liverpool I met a girl named Mabel Myerscough. She was in an amateur dramatic show I didn't ask her: "Are yer courtin'?" I just made her mind up for her. We were married in 1930, in our early twenties, and started with nowt.

We were both interested in amateur dramatics, and I took the juvenile lead in one or two shows.

But this is what started me on a stage and radio career. In one show I took over a comedy part of a milkman at a moment's notice—not a line did I know.

I gagged through it and, so my wife says, stole the show. "Have a go at acting," she urged me. So I wrote to the B.B.C. They gave me an audition, and I put over some character studies in dialect. My first part was as Sir Frederick Somebody-or-other. I had three rehearsals, spoke five lines, and got paid £3 3s.

Parts came in pretty well after that, so I decided to pack up the family "bricks and mortar" business.

We moved to Manchester and after I paid the furniture men I had a bob left. The three of us—I had a son then, but he died aged seven from infantile paralysis—sat on the bare floor of our new home and ate sandwiches.

It was great fun. As we ate, two letters dropped through the letter-box. They were contracts from the B.B.C. to begin next day!

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Up to 1939 I freelanced for them, and then they offered me a job as relief announcer at £480 a year. So I had a go at that. Later they asked me to be a news reader in London. Again I had a go.

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The next George Black came along and turned me a comic.

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By the way, a lot of you folk seem to think Miss Violet Carson, the pianist in "Have a Go," is my wife. She's a very old friend of both of us. So now you know.

I expect some of you also are puzzled how I can visit so many places and appear six nights a week in the Bradford pantomime. Wherever I can, I make recordings—it means working most Sundays—and they go out on the air after they have been vetted.

Awkward Moments

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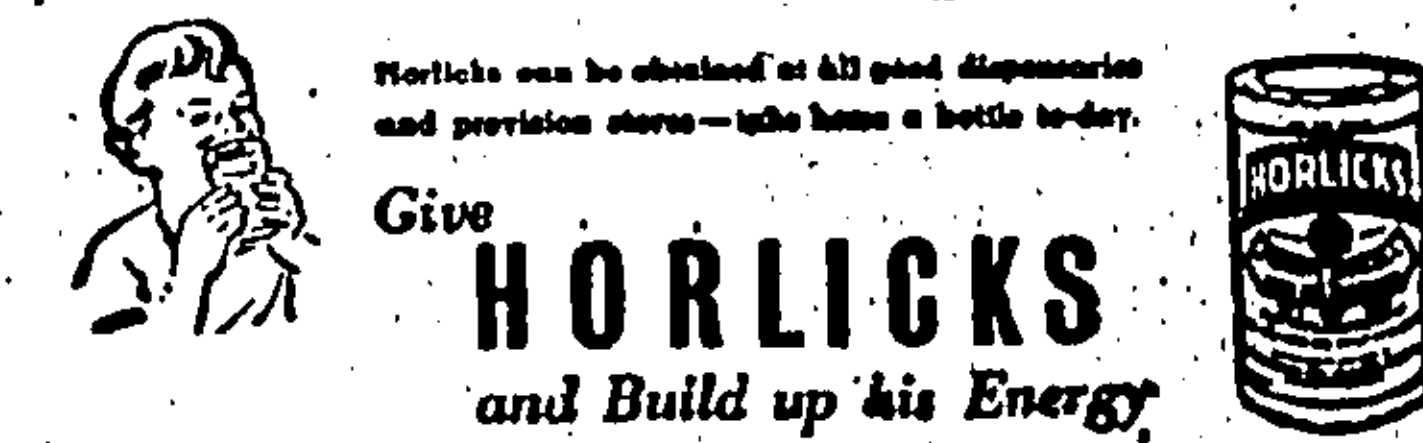
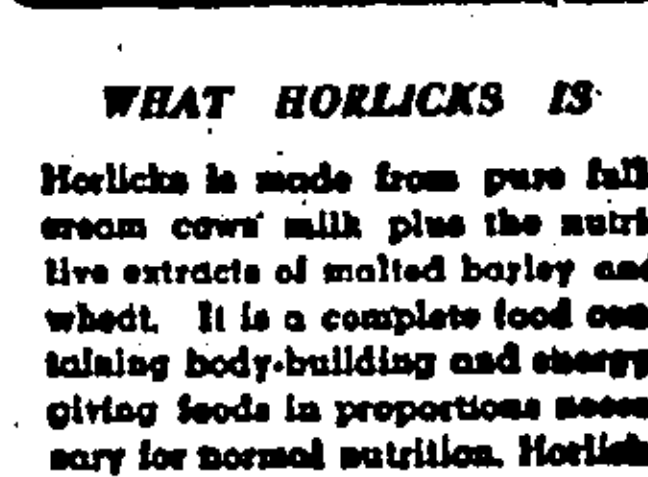
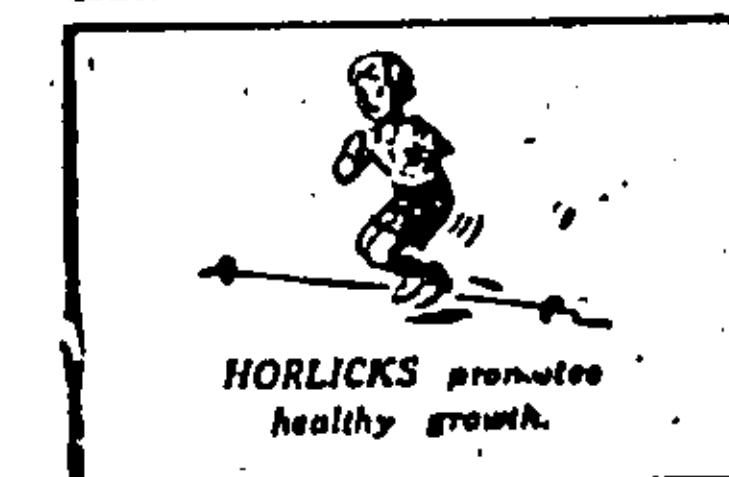
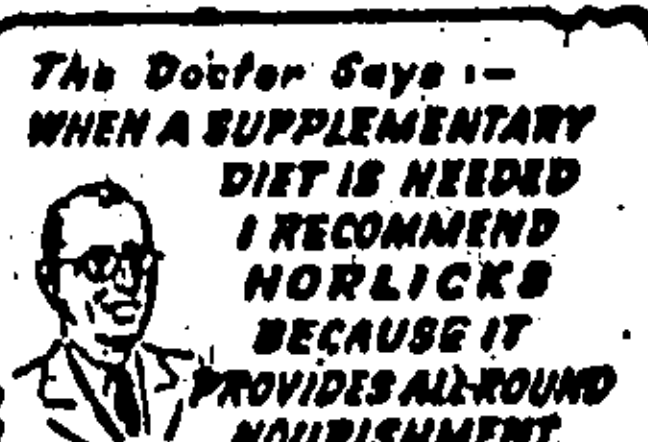
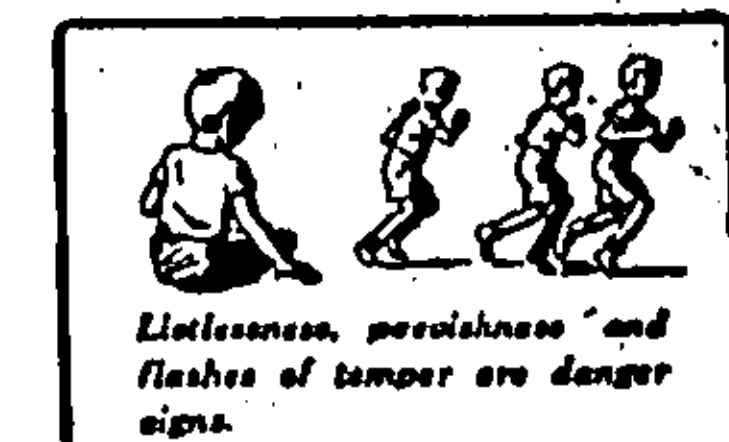
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BUSINESS IN SHANGHAI IS A "WAIT AND SEE" GAME

(By Roy Essoyan)

National Bank Of India Statement

London, Mar. 18.
The National Bank of India's Chairman's annual statement said:

Although the speculative bubble in Indian Stock Exchange prices seems to have been pricked and values now appear more reasonable, some commodity prices are higher than ever, for example jute at 430, Bombay cotton at 225, shellac at 1,000, linseed oil at 670, copra at 400, Burma rice at 400, East African sisal at 620 per cent of 1939.

The continuance of the recent deflation in world grain prices would involve everybody. A major slump need not be feared but many prices could and must fall very materially if the world is to get a reasonable economic balance between primary producers and manufacturing nations.

One hopes that governmental bulk purchases may soon be replaced by normal merchanting since only through such a change will the true position of stocks in producing countries be disclosed and thereby allow the necessary deflation to happen comparatively painlessly.

In a dubious market, bulk purchasing will merely mask the real position and when at last it is disclosed, the bulk seller will find that no one runs faster than a frightened buyer.

Burma's 1948 rice surplus is estimated at 1,600,000 tons against last year's exports of 850,000 tons and coupled with good teak exports should help Burma but she is still far behind in her prewar production of cotton and oilseeds.

Very little mining is being done and no production of mineral oil or cement is yet possible. —Reuter.

Shanghai, Mar. 20.
American business in Shanghai—stagnated for the past 2½ years—is playing a wait-and-see game. It's waiting to see the shape of economic things to come and it's hoping—but it's far from certain—that the pattern of the past will be brightened in the future. Few Americans interviewed by the Associated Press saw tangible evidence of basic improvement in China's economic horoscope but, they said, they were waiting and hoping.

"If we didn't have any hope," one American businessman told Associated Press, "we wouldn't be here." But it's a skeleton-holding operation as far as these American firms are concerned. Statistics of the US Chamber of Commerce show that the number of American firms in Shanghai today is roughly the same as it was before the war. But the same statistics show a sharp drop in American residents—and the personnel manning those firms.

There were from 4,000 to 5,000 Americans in Shanghai in 1940. There are some 1,700 today. There were 450 firms then and approximately there are the same number today. A few of the smaller firms, according to American business circles, have sold out to Chinese and other nationals, but these firms are still registered as American.

The era of mushrooming, speculative American outfits—these same statistics show—is over. They came on the tide of artificial prosperity soon after the end of the war. A few made a killing and left. Others were wiped out.

The speculative boom in Shanghai the first year after the war is blamed for some of the ills that plague foreign business here today. Surplus property and UNRRA aid—poured down the China drain without check or control—was blamed for the same evils.

"It short-circuited American business," it is charged. "It did no good for the people of China as a whole," one American businessman commented.

And it was that period—1946—which was used as a yardstick by the Chinese government for the vital import and export quotas still in force today. Reputable, old-standing American, British and other firms were barely getting on their feet during those chaotic, confused days immediately after the war. Their wheels had fallen off and it took time to get the business turnover rechecked.

But mushrooming carpet-baggers were on the spot, the boom was on as far as they were concerned, and when trade quotas were assigned, they picked the plums.

Today—American business in Shanghai—and in China as a whole—is hampered by further obstacles. Trade and currency restrictions conserve the national government's foreign exchange on the one hand.

Some say China would be in a healthier economic state today if some of these restrictions had been imposed right after the war. That was when greenback-short China went on a buying spree abroad that saw scarce foreign exchange squandered on non-essential consumer goods and luxuries.

On the other hand, these same restrictions have, pressed the American businessman in China against the wall, and today, to all effects and purposes, he has little left to do but lean back and mark time.

Corruption
"It isn't so much the restrictions that we're opposed to," a highly placed American commented. "It's the way they're implemented."

Other Americans, who asked that they remain anonymous, pointed out that a bureaucratic system inefficiently nourished by artificially low-scale salaries must inevitably breed inefficiency, apathy and a varying degree of corruption.

A major discouraging factor to American businessmen in China, one of these sources added, is the inability to send home dividends and on rare occasions—profits from their enterprises here.

"If you knock out the profit motive, where's the incentive for business?" he asked. "Invest your money in property—but under the new Sino-American treaty there's the unresolved question of title deeds and registration."

And darkening the whole picture as a gloomy indication that has devalued business values, undermined employee relations, and turned internal-trade-topstury, with speculation and hoarding emerging as quasi-legal and essential practices.

American opinion on the economic prospects of China is on the basic fact that without efficient supervision and control, aid will provide no fundamental solution to the problem of China as a whole. Its immediate advantages—to foreign business and the superficial prosperity of Shanghai—are still under debate.

Channeled through American firms on the spot, it would give them—and the city—a shot in the arm. Whether the dose would have any lasting effect on the grim undernourished patient depends on the doctor.

As one American put it: "On his decision—not only in the case of this comparatively minor ailment, but in the face of the major disease that is the future of American business in China depends." —Associated Press.

Franco Must First Reform

Paris, Mar. 19.
Franco Spain may eventually be included in both the Economic Committee and the proposed military pact, diplomatic sources said here today, but not until the Franco Government at least "makes some democratic moves."

Diplomatic sources said there would be no immediate new Western European agreement until the Brussels five-power accord had been "digested." The sources mentioned Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery's forthcoming visit to Belgium and Holland as part of the "digestive process."

The British Chief of Imperial General Staff visited French Army installations a few months ago.

Scandinavia is expected to be the first group of nations to tie in with the five-power pact. However, Northern diplomats indicated they would not do so until the "United States gives sufficient hard and fast guarantees." —United Press.

Strike Off In Lancs Cotton Mills

Manchester, Mar. 19.
The threat of a general stoppage in the Lancashire cotton industry which might have seriously hampered Britain's export programme diminished today.

Jack frame tenters in the Leigh and Atherton cotton mills, who have been striking for a pay increase, followed the lead given yesterday by other strikers in Bolton and decided to return to work on Monday on condition that negotiations are started between their union and their employers for a new wage agreement.

The culminated loss of yarn production in the Bolton and Leigh area, due to the week's strike of the jack frame tenters, amounts to 650,000 lb. The mills of 11 companies have been closed and at least 1,400,000 spindles have been stopped. —Reuter.

MIGHT AGREE TO A TRUCE

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.
A Jewish Agency spokesman at a press conference on Tuesday said: "We would declare a truce under certain conditions. We do not start this fight and have no desire to continue. A truce, however, must have the guarantee that it will not encourage the Arabs to make further preparations for war."

The spokesman said that the final answer will be given to the big powers by Agency representatives in New York. —Associated Press.

SWISS TREATY WITH RUSSIA

Berne, Mar. 18.
A commercial treaty between Switzerland and the Soviet Union, the terms of which were announced by the Swiss Government here tonight, provides for Soviet orders for Swiss machinery and industrial installations to be executed during the next four years.

The treaty, the first of its kind between the two countries since the Russian revolution, resulted from the Swiss Government's visit to Moscow of a Swiss economic mission, which arrived back in Geneva tonight. —Reuter.

RAIL WORKERS STRIKE

Baghdad, Mar. 18.
More than 2,000 Iraq railway workers went on strike on Thursday demanding wage increases.

Other demands made by the workers include the lifting of the ban placed on the Railway Labour Union, the reemployment of workers dismissed for political reasons and improved health services.

The Iraq bread shortage continues acute in all parts of the country and famine threatens, many areas where deaths have been reported. —Associated Press.

ACCRA STRIKE CALLED OFF

Accra, Mar. 17.
An African fired at a passing bus in an Accra street today and killed a woman. He then attempted to kill himself but failed.

The Ghana Coast Trade Union Congress called for a general strike to demand better wages and working conditions. —Associated Press.

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Reynolds Trip To Amne Machin

Shanghai, Mar. 19.
The delayed Amne Machin expedition, sponsored by the Chicago ball-pen manufacturer, Mr. Milton Reynolds, is expected to set out from Shanghai sometime in the middle of next week, after the return of the survey plane "Explorer" from the United States, it was learned today.

With her leaking tank put back into shape, the "Explorer" is scheduled to leave California today for China.

Two American scientists, Dr. Richard P. Goldthwait, geologist of Ohio State University, and Mr. Grant Ross, photographic technician from Boston University, left for Yanchow, the expedition base in the northwest province of Kansu, to make preliminary preparations.

Repairs on the "Explorer" were carried out by mechanics of the Pacific Overseas Corporation and the machine will be piloted here by the round-the-world flight record holder, Captain Odum. The plane is expected to be back on Monday or Tuesday.

The American group of the expedition will go to Lanchow aboard the "Explorer" while the Chinese members will travel by a CNAC airliner. Mr. Reynolds is at present in Shanghai after a brief sight-seeing trip to Peking. —Reuter.

Nostalgia For War

Tokyo, Mar. 18.
A nostalgia for the drama and excitement of wartime life is sweeping the youth of Japan, dulling the earlier zest for learning the ideas and traditions of the democratic West, according to a well-known Japanese sociologist.

Shimizu Ikuaro writes in the "Mainichi" Tokyo's largest paper, that students want a return to wartime life as "those were wonderful days" and a time when they could "strive with the glory of youth for one definite purpose."

Lecturing his countrymen, he asks: "Must we have more furious cannon roars, more horrible battles and deaths? Are ideas so void of power and appeal that they alone cannot win the souls of the people?" —United Press.

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 Mar. 25, Pan-American, 4.45
 p.m.
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 p.m.

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 Mar. 22, BOAC (Capt. Foster)
 4 p.m.
 Singapore via Bangkok
 Mar. 21, Cathay Pacific, 2
 p.m.
 Mar. 24, Cathay Pacific, 2
 p.m.
 Mar. 28, Cathay Pacific, 2
 p.m.

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Poole via Bangkok
 Mar. 24, BOAC (Capt. Payne)
 8 a.m.
 Manila
 Mar. 22, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
 Mar. 23, Cathay Pacific, 12.30
 p.m.
 Singapore
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 Shanghai
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 Victoria via Keelung, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow, 10 a.m.
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 Liverpool (Reg.) 10 a.m., (Reg.) 11.30
 a.m. (Ord.) Noon.

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 sar, 3 p.m.
 Maceo, Tientsin and Shensi, 4 p.m.
 Hongkong, 5 p.m.
 Canton, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23
 Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.)
 9.30 a.m.
 Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.,
 (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
 Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta,
 Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi),
 Johannesburg and Marseilles via Calcutta,
 Amoy and London, 9.30 a.m. C.P.O.
 (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
 Airmail for Singapore, Sourabaya,
 Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.)
 5 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
 Airmail for Shanghai, Nankin, Han-
 kow, Tientsin and Peiping: Airmail for
 Canton, Amoy and Fuchow, (Reg.) 5
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 Canton, 7 a.m.
 Maceo, Tientsin and Shensi, 8 a.m.
 Victoria via Keelung, 10 a.m.
 Swatow, 10 a.m.
 Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South
 Africa, Karachi, Marseilles and Europe via
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Shipping Intelligence

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

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 (Capt. A.W. Whitehouse), H.K. Whf.
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 Y.C. Pui
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 Y.C. Pui)
 Jilram (Thornsen) B.I.L.
 Kateratan (Jardine) from Brisbane
 Pres. Buchanan (A.P.L.) from Atlantic
 Ports
 Tientsin (D. & S.) 3,100 tons from Swatow
 (Capt. A.G. Smart) Cunt Whf.
 Van Heuts (J.C.P.L.) from Java, B. Dooy
 Wing Sang (Jardine) from Shanghai,
 Cunt Whf.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY
 Atlantic City
 Green Island
 Hai Min (C.M.S.N.) to Canton (Capt.
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 American Merchant (A.P.L.) from New
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 Starthnaver (P. & O.) K. Whf.
 Surprie (U.S.L.) A.L.L.
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 Tai Ping (China Pacific) S.C.
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CROWN OPPOSES APPLICATION
Shares Issued 'To Appease Japanese'Chartered
Surveyors
Meeting

The nineteenth annual general meeting of the Hong Kong & China Branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held on Friday. The branch chairman, Mr. J. Ring, entertained members to cocktails before the business of the meeting began.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming three new members, and gave a resume of the activities of the Branch during the past year. The following officers and Committee members were elected for the ensuing year:-

Chairman—Mr. J. Ring, B.Sc. (Eng.), F.R.I.C.S., etc.
Vice-Chairman—Mr. G. L. Wilson, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.C.S.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. E. Richardson, F.R.I.C.S.
Committee—Messrs. G. W. Grey, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.C.S., etc.

M. I. De Ville, A.R.I.C.S., & A. V. Currie, A.R.I.C.S. In addition to the discussion of professional matters, reference was made to the unveiling of the War Memorial in the hall of the Institution's Headquarters in London, to those members who gave their lives in the second World War. Two of the names, Mr. G. P. Polignone and Mr. A. T. Godfrey, are those of members of the local Branch who joined the fighting services.

LOCAL
ESTATES

Local estate, sworn under \$91,800, was left by the late Edith Miller (nee Wright) of Bagatelle, St. Saviour in the Island of Jersey, Channel Islands, who died at "St. Michael," Beaumont, St. Peter, Jersey, Apr. 21, 1943. An application for re-sealing certificate of Probate of the Will and Codicil has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, Barrister-at-law, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Ltd.

The late William Ponnle Forsyth, shipbuilder, formerly of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., who died at Shamshuipo Camp on Nov. 23, 1943, left local estate sworn under \$9,100. An application for sealing certificate of the Extract of the Confirmation of the Estate has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, Solicitor.

Local estate, sworn under \$4,200, was left by the late Harold Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, who died in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, England. An application for re-sealing Probate of the Will has been granted to Mr. W.G.G. Brown Bank Official.

"Most Shocking,"
Says Counsel

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), on an application by the On Lok Yuen Co., Ltd., to rectify their Register of Members in respect of 20,089 shares issued to "appease the Japanese."

The application was opposed by Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho, Acting Crown Solicitor. His objections led Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., who appeared for the Company, to declare that it was most shocking that a Law Officer of the Crown should try to place obstacles in the way of a Company which was trying to put its affairs right.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon was instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings & Company. In their application, the Company asked that the Register of Members be rectified by removing the name of Yu Pong-tong as the holder of 20,089 shares and that the Company be at liberty to offer these shares to other shareholders of the Company in the ratio of one share for every two shares held by them. Any of the said 20,089 shares not taken up should be deemed unissued capital of the Company.

Application was also made for the time for filing a return of allotment in respect of 5,143 bonus shares of the Company, allotted in 1943, to be extended to Apr. 6.

Affidavits

Mr. Sheldon referred to correspondence which had been exchanged between Hastings & Co., and the Custodian of Enemy Property, as well as affidavits which had been filed by the Managing Director of the Company. From these affidavits, it would be seen that in 1938, after the fall of Canton, the Japanese attempted to remove all the machinery in the Canton factory of the Company.

In order to protect the interests of the Canton factory, arrangements were made that T. Hiraoka (Pong Kong-tong), a Japanese who was then in uniform and who was a very important member of the Japanese Military Society known as Hing Ah Society, should share 50 per cent of the yearly profits of the business of the Company for a period of three years.

In 1943, the said Pong Kong-tong and his son Pong Kong-yu (Y. Hiraoka) wanted to buy up the whole of the Canton factory and asked the Managing Director of the Company and his son to name a price. The Managing Director told them that he did not have any power, but would lay the matter before the Board of Directors.

Bonus Shares

At a meeting of the Board on Aug. 7, 1943, it was decided, in order to appease the Japanese, to issue 22,920 bonus shares to shareholders on the basis that they would be entitled to one new share for every two old shares held by them. Owing to conditions resulting from the war, only 5,143 of the 22,920 shares were taken up by the existing shareholders. The remaining 17,777 were allotted to the said Pong Kong-tong. On Mar. 4, 1943, Pong Kong-tong knew that Japan would be defeated and transferred 20,089 shares to Yu Pong-tong, which was a combination of his own name with that of his son.

Duress

Replying, Mr. Botelho said that the letter of the Custodian showed clearly that the agreement was subject to the Court deciding on the question of duress. The only reason put forward by the Company for the rectification was, as appeared from the affidavits of the Managing Director, duress.

The application was for leave to rectify the register because the shares had been issued to appease the Japanese. Before the Court could make any order, it must decide on the question of duress. This point could not be decided under the present proceedings. The application was misconceived and the order asked for must be refused.

Mr. Botelho said that the question of duress, which involved transactions during the Japanese occupation, was of such importance that it led to clamouring for legislation to cope with the situation that arose during the occupation. It was, therefore, all the more reason why the Court should not decide the point on a summary application to rectify the register.

Olo H.K.
Custom

For decades it has been the custom in Hong Kong not to bother about the issue of receipts between tenant and subtenant. Mr. Marcus da Silva told the Court at Central Magistracy yesterday. He represented Chan Hannessey, Chan Chol, of 85, Luk, allis Chan Chol, third floor, charged with overcharging and not issuing a receipt to the subtenant.

Mr. da Silva, contending that there was no attempt on the part of his client to conceal anything, said that she had given the exact figures to Inspector Byron, prosecuting officer. She had spent \$2,500 on repairs, and to her the excess charge of \$30 was "not too exorbitant." Mr. Silva declared his client had considered it reasonable compared to the sum she had spent on repairs.

The whole dispute, Mr. da Silva said, arose out of a misunderstanding over the rights of the tenant and sub-tenant to certain portions of the floor and the case was more out of spite on the part of the sub-tenant, he asserted.

Inspector Byron said that the defendant shared the flat with another woman now in Canton. The rent should have over \$104, but defendant collected \$220. Mr. da Silva pointed out that \$20 was paid for the furniture and the actual excess was \$30. He requested that the Magistrate impose a nominal fine and not make an eviction order, which would incur great hardships upon his client.

Mr. P. X. d'Almada fined defendant \$150 on both counts.

LOOK OUT MAN
SENTENCED

"Look-out" man Chan Ying, 35, unemployed, was new to Hong Kong and did not know the regulations. When he saw a Police Van approaching he "just passed a few remarks" and was arrested.

"You'll learn," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told him when he fined defendant \$50 or three weeks' imprisonment for obstructing the Police in the execution of their duties. Inspector Brownrigg said that defendant warned hawkers when the police van approached and caused a great deal of trouble to the Hawker Raid squad.

"Shocking"

Mr. Justice Williams said that he thought it absolutely shocking that a Law Officer of the Crown should come in and try to put obstacles in the way of a Company which was trying to put its affairs right, without offering any authority or argument that carried weight.

Mr. Justice Williams said that it was not Mr. Botelho's point to obstruct. Mr. Botelho's submissions were that the Company had not taken the proper proceedings.

Mr. Justice Williams then announced that he would deliver judgment at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 23.

Kowloon Swoop On
Opium Divans

One of the biggest opium divan raids during the past few months was conducted by Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke at 8 p.m. on March 19. When the Police party, under Chief Clarke, entered 247 Un Chau Street, second floor, they found 21 men waiting for their turn at the pipes, with 10 other smokers going full blast.

Chan Hing (30), who admitted being the keeper of the divan, was fined \$1,000 (or six months' imprisonment) when he appeared before Mr. Blair Kerr yesterday, while his 21 patrons were mulcted in the sum of \$25 (or 10 days) each.

The 10 pipes, 12 lamps and 32 small pots of opium seized were ordered to be confiscated. In another raid, carried out by Chief Clarke at 3 Maple Street (ground floor) at 8.40 p.m. the same day, the Police found Lau Yee (40) and two smokers on the premises.

Lau was fined \$175 (or two months' imprisonment) for keeping an opium divan and possession of 10 small pots of opium. The smokers were fined \$25 (or ten days) each. The two pipes and two lamps were confiscated and ordered to be destroyed. Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth presided in both cases.

Chief Inspector Clarke, with a demanding money, with money, \$5,000, old unemployed (Lai Chiu of No. 237, Queen's Road, West) was remanded for a week when he appeared in court yesterday. He was charged with possession of opium and possession of a small pot of opium. He was remanded for a week when he appeared in court yesterday.

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